

Shadow of the Giant Study Guide

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Plot Summary

Julian Delphiki (Bean) is the most gifted student to ever attend Battle School. As an elite member of Ender's Jeesh (military group), Bean stands out from the rest of the geniuses in Ender's Jeesh not only for his extraordinary brilliance, but also because he is physically different—genetically modified. As a child, he is the most brilliant, but also very small. His condition sentences him to an early death because he continues to grow throughout his life until his heart can't support his gigantism. Death is expected somewhere around age 20. After Ender and his Jeesh win the war against the Buggers and save mankind, Bean marries his Jeesh-mate, Petra Arkanian and they live on earth. Even with the knowledge of Bean's prognosis, Petra wants his children and is expecting their first child. But it is not their only child. Another eight embryos have been stolen by the very man that created Bean. Bean fears his missing children will be exploited. When he finds the man responsible for stealing his children; the man activates a deadman's switch sending the surrogate mothers into hiding. With Bean's race against time, finding his children is a priority, but he and Petra are also needed to help bring peace to a world. The challenges that members of Ender's Jeesh find themselves pitted against one another as world leaders.

Han Tzu is the leader of China, and the Muslims have rallied around Alai who is named Caliph. In India, a Battle School graduate who was not part of Ender's Jeesh rises to power as the people accept her as a god. Her underlying drive to prove that she is superior to Ender's Jeesh drives her to take risks. The more she succeeds, the more she believes her own propaganda that she is a god. Han Tzu of China approaches her and asks her to marry him, but she turns her down. Though her country is not as powerful as China or the Muslim league, it has the largest population. She approaches Peter Wiggin, Ender Wiggin's older brother, who leads the movement of the Free People of Earth and offers herself in marriage to increase her power. But Peter sees it as an entanglement and turns her down. On the rebound, she goes to Caliph Alai and pressures him into marrying her. He falls in love with her, but her hunger for power and need to dominate comes between them. His advisers don't trust her and many hate her. She shows her disapproval of Alai's tactics in front of the others. In private he says not to do it again. It leads to a parting of ways as she decides to attack China, while Alai sees Peter Wiggin and the FPE as the force to be defeated.

By the time the lines are drawn, the members of Ender's Jeesh see that it is best for Peter Wiggin and the Free People of the Earth to unite the world. To make that happen, Petra takes Moscow; Han Tzu wipes out the Russian army with only a handful of casualties; Bean decoys the Turkish troops toward Armenia, and he also is credited with the plan that leads to Suriyawong's win in China against the invading Indian troops. No matter what aspect of the battle—Ender's Jeesh is responsible for victory. Yet, even after this, individual nations look to Jeesh members in their own countries as powerful tools to reach autonomous goals. One by one the members of Ender's Jeesh see that if the world is ever to experience real peace, they need to leave. Graff, the man who hand-picked and trained the members of Ender's Jeesh in Battle School, offers his former students the opportunity to leave earth and colonize the worlds formerly



occupied by the buggers. Graff's plan is to disperse the human population so it is never threatened with extinction again. He sees that as long as Ender's Jeesh members stay on earth, there is no hope for world peace, for, though they all desire that peace, their ambition makes them want to be the one to bring it about. Individual nations look at these young people as the tool to make their country the foremost world power. Their departure brings balance, and the only member of Ender's Jeesh to stay on earth is Petra, who remarries after Bean is sent into space with those of his children who also are afflicted with his condition. She marries Peter Wiggin, who successfully ushers in world peace through the FPE.



Chapter 1, Mandate of Heaven

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Julian Delphiki (Bean) is the most gifted student to ever attend Battle School. He is an elite member of Ender's Jeesh and genetically modified. Because of genetics, his life span is predicted to be only a couple decades. Bean marries Petra Arkanian and she is now pregnant with their first child, except that eight other embryos of theirs have been stolen. The surrogate mothers are sent into hiding by the man who stole the embryos and implanted them in the other women. Besides finding the eight mothers, Bean and Petra are pitted against other members of Ender's Jeesh in an effort to bring peace to the earth.

Han Tzu returns to China expecting to be arrested or even killed, though he isn't. At a restaurant, Tzu meets Mazer Rackham, who offers Tzu the opportunity to head a colony on a former Hive world. Tzu rejects the offer, but accepts a blow gun that is disguised as a pen. Tzu goes to the ministry of defense, though he is wanted as a traitor. Several thousand people follow him, showing their support. Guards inside the ministry bow to him. He meets with Snow Tiger, who offers him command of the armies, but he rejects the offer, saying no one has the authority to command him. He readies his dart gun, but one of the guards shoots Snow Tiger in the head. The military is behind Tzu. The crowds outside chant his name as he heads to the department of Planning and Strategy.

Chapter 1, Mandate of Heaven Analysis

This first chapter introduces Han Tzu and his emotional struggle at seeing China as a conquered nation. He tried to tell the authorities they were making mistakes, and as a graduate of Battle School and a former member of Ender's Jeesh, he asked to be given command of the military, but they turned him down. The result is that his former Jeesh cohort, Caliph Alai, leads conquering Muslim armies that invade China, just as Han Tzu predicts. Alai's intelligence runs the entire government and Muslim religion and by the end of the chapter, Han Tzu has the same power in China. This introduces the theme of Ender's Jeesh and its involvement on earth that runs throughout the book. Only the gifted elite made the cut for Ender's Jeesh, and the fact that Alai and Tzu know each other lays the groundwork for a complex plot that takes the conflict from a global level to a personal level. The author also introduces Tzu's internal conflict as he wonders what it would have been like if he had accepted the offer to colonize the former Hive world—but at the same time, he can't help wondering what would have happened to China if he did accept the offer. This reflects his ambitious drive to make things right for his country and ushers in the first hint of the recurring theme of ambition that carries the plot.



Chapter 2, Mother

Chapter 2, Mother Summary

Bean learns they haven't found a cure for his condition, which is slowly killing him and that there has been no luck locating the stolen embryos. In another part of the world, an embryo belonging to Achilles Flanders, Bean's dead, arch enemy, is implanted in a woman named Randi. This is part of a plan put into action by Achilles before his untimely death. She thinks Ender Wiggin used Achilles' battle plans to defeat the Buggers and then took all the glory because he's the little brother of Peter Wiggin, the man who is trying to take over the world. She lies to her husband and says she is pregnant by another man and leaves him. In her mind, Bean and Ender are to blame for Achilles' imprisonment. She thinks the standoff with police and taking of hostages was staged. The hardest thing is to do nothing.

Chapter 2, Mother Analysis

Chapter 2 further connects the plot thread back to Battle School and Ender's Jeesh. Julian Delphiki (Bean) is more intelligent than even Ender Wiggin because he was genetically altered as an embryo. And although another Battle School student, Achilles Flanders, is introduced as Julian Delphiki's enemy, the man is dead—killed by Bean in a hostage situation when Achilles held the former members of Ender's Jeesh captive. The key that ties them at this stage is Bean and Petra's stolen embryos, which hold Bean's precious, altered DNA. Achilles' embryo has been implanted in a woman named Randi, who regards Achilles as a dead hero, while she despises Bean and Ender. This opens the possibility that the baby carried by Randi may, in fact, be one of Bean and Petra's missing children, which adds an element of suspense and conflict considering Randi's feelings toward Bean. This is compounded further because Bean uses the net to search for his children. "Already she had found several places on the web where people were searching for 'lost' or 'kidnapped' embryos. She knew—the man who spoke to her had warned her—that these were likely to originate from Achilles's enemies, trolling for information that would lead them to...to her" (P. 27). The plot builds with small elements from the past connected to Ender's Jeesh.



Chapter 3, Coup

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Bean sends an email to the man responsible for his genetic makeup—Volescu, wanting his babies back. Petra, accompanies the Hemegon, Peter Wiggins, to visit Caliph Alai the leader of the Muslim armies. Petra and Alai know each other from Battle School. Peter learns from Petra that she is angry for allowing Bean to risk Bean's life in killing Achilles, from which Peter profits. Petra warns him just show up and see Alai. Petra and Peter continue to argue, and Petra walks away. The next morning Petra and Peter meet with Alai.

Peter wants Petra to be his ally after Bean dies. Peter first takes the offensive with Alai but when Peter realizes someone else is listening, he praises Alai and the work Alai has done. Peter says he is here because he seeks peace for the children of God. Alai explains the Muslims do not force people to choose Islam, but Peter hears differently from people being conquered. Peter's only goal is to avoid war. Alai asks Petra if she knows him. She says yes, but that she doesn't really know whether she hears the Alai she knows or the voice of the men who put him in charge. Soldiers grab Petra and, Alai orders them to stop. One soldier yells that a woman cannot talk to the Caliph like that and Peter points out that Alai cannot control his own men. Alai orders the soldiers to seize the members of the counsel and tells Peter and Petra to stay in the garden for now.

Chapter 3, Coup Analysis

This chapter further develops the theme of Ender's Jeesh as it introduces two of its former members as world leaders. This development raises tension with the possibility of putting others from the Jeesh into a spot where they will have to choose sides in the unstable world. Muslims led by Caliph Alai are in conflict with Han Tzu, the new leader in China. This plot thread builds conflict as these complex relationships hold room for admiration, suspicion and plenty of discord both internal and external. Subtle foreshadowing of a future relationship between Peter and Petra is also introduced, when Peter marvels at how Bean can live with Petra, but then for a brief moment wonders what it would be like if she looked at him with the same love she has for Bean. This possibility becomes more concrete when Alai also points to the fact that Peter wants Petra to be his ally after Bean dies from his gigantism.



Chapter 4, Bargain

Chapter 4, Bargain Summary

Peter Wiggin sends an email to Ambul to accept Suriyawong as a valuable tool; both are battleschool graduates. Bean spends his days trying to locate his babies. Achilles and Volescu had promised to return them, but Bean doesn't even find a trace of Volescu's travels. An I.F. operative, Mazer Rackham, is on earth to offer Bean the chance to survive until a cure can be found by sending him on a starship at lightspeed equipped with an ansible, so he can be reached when the cure is found. Bean won't go without his children, who will probably suffer from his genetic flaws. He asks if Petra can go, and it is agreed. As long as Bean is staying to look for his children they'd like him to help Peter unite the world under the office of the Hegemon. Bean can't believe it. Peter doesn't listen to him or anyone if Peter thinks he has a better plan. Yet Peter is the best man for the job because he has the ambition to accomplish what must be done. Bean accepts the offer.

Chapter 4, Bargain Analysis

This chapter draws a distinction between Bean and the other members of Ender's Jeesh. Bean accepts the offer to help Peter Wiggin as Hemegon because it gives him hope for the future for his family. He is willing to do what it takes to accomplish his purposes. If he were any other member of Ender's Jeesh, ambition, along with his extraordinary skills, would likely have him taking Peter's place rather than supporting him. As Petra and Bean continue their quest to find their embryos, Bean races against his own genetic clock and imminent death. There's no way to know if his children will inherit this defect. Not every child will be brilliant but if what they call "Anton's key" is turned, the child will have super-human reasoning abilities and in their own way become a super-human and give birth to a super-human race. This is the overall goal of the man who tampered with Bean as an embryo and his ongoing, driving ambition. Now he is responsible for Bean's missing children. As a subplot, Bean is offered a chance to spend time traveling at lightspeed, allowing him to age slowly while a cure is found for his condition. His initial plan is to take Petra and his babies. This adds an element of suspense and conflict as Petra's stomach swells with the child she carries. Has Anton's key been turned? Or will the child be normal.



Chapter 5, Shiva

Chapter 5, Shiva Summary

Peter Wiggins mother reminds Peter that Battle School graduates were denied a normal childhood and asks Peter to free them from war. Peter did not attend Battle School, and his involvement in the war is by choice. Bean and Peter stand before a screen showing a woman named Virlomi, who leads India. She challenges Alai by first thanking him for liberating her county and then lists some facts and states Muslims are not welcome in India until Islam allows people freedom to believe or not without the threat of punishment. Her visage brightens like that of a god, and she closes with a blessing on her country and on Caliph Alai but follows with a warning. It is a silent message that declares war. Virlomi was not part of Ender's Jeesh, so though she is a Battle School graduate, she is not as smart as Alai. Bean and Petra say it's not always about intelligence.

Bean calls the video a marriage proposal. Whichever country sits with India will control half of the world's population. Peter asks Bean's advice and Bean said perhaps there has to be war in order for people to know they do not want war. Petra and Bean leave and Peter ponders how he is supposed to save the world. He comes to the conclusion that it will be best to have every battle school graduate removed from the planet.

Chapter 5, Shiva Analysis

When Virlomi's video shows peasants equipped with modern Chinese firearms, this ties in her connection with her former battle school friend, Han Tzu, while going against Alai ,another graduate and former member of Ender's Jeesh. This chapter tightens the focus of the theme of Ender's Jeesh involvement in ruling the world. It is already established that Han Tzu of China and Virlomi are uniting, but the image of Indian peasants holding modern Chinese weapons brings substance to the relationship as they stand against Caliph Alai. When Peter asks Bean's advice and he says, ""Your goal is to establish a new order in which war between nations becomes impossible. But to get to that utopian place, there's going to have to be enough war that people will know the thing they're desperate to avoid"" (P. 69), it kicks the conflict up to a new level. This identifies the overall plot of the book. In Peter's efforts to unite the world, his answer is to remove battle school graduates from the earth.

Bean's insight while watching the video also presents foreshadowing of things to come when he asks which country will sit with India? His statement declaring that whichever country does will control half of the world's population opens the door for a possible marriage between Virlomi and Han Tzu or Virlomi and Alai.



Chapter 6, Evolution

Chapter 6, Evolution Summary

Crazy Tom asks Bean if Peter has control over the Battle School graduates—especially those of Ender's Jeesh. Peter asked Tom to assess the Europeans nations as to their willingness to transfer sovereignty to a world government. Peter contacts Felix Starman, the prime minister of Fortress Rwanda to help capture Volescu. After capture, Volescu explains to Bean that since the Hegemony is helpless, his research is not illegal. Petra demands her eight babies be returned. She wants names and addresses. Volescu denies knowing where they are and adds that none of the babies has Anton's key. Petra calls him on this. They gather evidence that implicates Volescu in creating a virus that carries genetic alterations. Bean and Petra need Anton to look over the confiscated data. Bena knows the mothers will get good medical care, so there will be birth records. Volescu's plans to destroy the human race by replacing reproductive cells in every human.

Chapter 6, Evolution Analysis

The author brings in more of the past through backstory that ties Bean to both Volescu, who was responsible for his altered genetic makeup, and Anton, who helped him understand why he is different. Now he comes face to face with Volescu, who is responsible for stealing his babies and having them implanted in surrogate mothers and for the virus, which has been designed to change all humankind. The virus is ready to spread like a common cold. Not knowing if it has already been released, or if it is soon to be released adds an element of urgency along with the suspense and will certainly change Peter Wiggin's plans for world peace.



Chapter 7, An Offer

Chapter 7, An Offer Summary

Peter Wiggin emails Vlad, the leader of the Russian armies, and arranges a meeting in St. Petersburg. Peter and Vlad disagree about the role the Jeesh graduates play, Peter believing that any country who has an Ender's Jeesh military commander is more likely to go to war. Vlad believes those countries are more likely to be scrutinized. Peter wants all the Ender's Jeesh group to leave Earth, except Peter. Peter meets with Carn Carby, Dink Meeker, Crazy Tom, Shen, Fly Milo and Dumper all in their respective countries. None accept his offer to leave earth. The fighting in India grows worse and China withdraws from the hegemony, while the Arabs join in occupying India. Two essayists appear on the net—one called Lincoln (Peter) writes of ending the war and giving the people their rights, while the other named Martel (Petra) writes of the dangers of the Caliph and Muslim law.

Chapter 7, An Offer Analysis

This chapter shows Peter laying the groundwork to remove the members of Ender's Jeesh from planet earth, though, when the invitations are extended, none of them accept. He plants the seed of reason as to why it is better for earth and for the Jeesh members and Battle School graduates if they do leave. The themes of world peace, Ender's Jeesh and ambition collide in this chapter and raises questions as to Peter Wiggin's motives, the Jeesh members' motives and the role ambition plays in all their lives.



Chapter 8, Ender

Chapter 8, Ender Summary

Petra sends an email to Bean talking about the essays Peter and she write and that Alai is not in control in India. Petra goes into labor while still typing; she is two months early, which is probably because the key has been turned. Peter thinks this could be the break they need to find the other babies. The baby is like Bean...with the key turned. Bean tells Petra about the top-secret I.F. space ship where he will travel until a cure is found. He suggests she stay on earth with their normal babies. They name the new baby Andrew Arkanian Delphiki, after Ender Wiggin. Bean's genetic modifications bred true. According to Medel's law, half of the babies will probably be born with the key turned. Bean doesn't intend to bring Petra on the space ship.

Chapter 8, Ender Analysis

The central focus of this chapter are Petra and Bean's babies, and specifically the birth of their first son, who they name Andrew after Ender Wiggin. Tension mounts in this chapter when little Ender is born with Anton's key turned—the same condition that created the genius in his father Bean, but which is also killing him. Statistically, it is a dominate trait, and there is a good chance that at least half of their children will carry the genetic modification. This will help to track their missing children and hopefully the Volescu's virus.

Bean's secret plan to fly into space with his "special" children without Petra; their normal babies heightens the conflict because his motives come from love.



Chapter 9, Pension

Chapter 9, Pension Summary

Peter Wiggin emails Dumper with a draft of the Constitution of the Free People of Earth. It has an irrevocable clause that does not allow people to back out without serious consequences. Peter invites Dumper to join him.

Bean speaks with Theresa Wiggin and asks if Ender is receiving his pension. She thinks he is. Bean thinks someone should take care of Ender's money and suggests using the Battle School software to take care of Ender's money, so no humans are involved.

Theresa and John Paul meet with Peter, and Theresa makes a comment that cues Peter in to the fact that Bean thinks he's stealing Ender's pension. Peter claims he is investing it and that some of the money is being used to search for Peter's babies.

Chapter 9, Pension Analysis

The plot moves steadily toward the one-world government and peace—but this chapter opens the window to shine the light on the real Peter Wiggins and the way he treats family, along with the fact that he uses his brother's pension to fund Hegemony affairs. This detail clearly portrays Peter as an antagonist with depth of character, which creates questions in the reader's mind regarding his true intentions in establishing the FPE.

The theme of Ender's Jeesh also comes into play in that Bean's loyalty to Ender causes him to take steps to protect Ender's money, no matter the personal consequences. However, in the overall scheme, it appears that Bean is the only one to hold such feelings as the rest of the Jeesh at this point have proven that they are driven by ambition for their own advancement much like Peter.



Chapter 10, Grief

Chapter 10, Grief Summary

Felex Starman, head of Rwanda, has one qualm about the Free People of Earth Constitution, which is turning his troops over to Peter, who is white and American-born, will lead to destabilization. His solution is that Bean should lead his military. In India, occupying Muslims commit atrocities and Virlomi uses it against them. Virlomi films a particularly atrocious slaughter of a family, many of them children, and challenges Alai. "Come forth from your hiding place, O Caliph Alai, and own your work. Or if it is not your work, then repudiate it. Join me in grieving for the innocent" (P. 129). Alai decides to leave Damascus to lead his armies and plans to punish those who commit atrocities. Alai's trusted adviser, Ivan, warns him that men like that are not obeying Alai's orders, and that's why these atrocities are happening.

Chapter 10, Grief Analysis

The themes of Ender's Jeesh and world peace meld in this chapter as Alai comes face to face with the fact that his orders are not being carried out and that atrocities are committed in his name. The author uses the setting to evoke an emotional response as Muslim atrocities are detailed. It works as a hook to see what Caliph Alai will do. As a member of Ender's Jeesh, much is expected, and the fact that he leaves the comforts of Damascus by the end of the chapter to lead his soldiers in the field moves the plot along as it brings India into conflict with the Muslims and pits a member of Ender's Jeesh against a former member of Battle School.



Chapter 11, African God

Chapter 11, African God Summary

Alai sends an encrypted message to Virlomi asking if they can be lovers and apologizes for the wounds he has caused.

Peter visits Bean and tells Bean he is needed in Rwanda to command the military. Peter compares Starman to himself saying that they are both ambitious and looking to create something that will outlive them. Starman doesn't know of Bean's short lifespan and Peter does not want him to know until Rwanda has pledged allegiance to the CFP. Peter tells him the funds for finding his children have been cut off. Bean knows this is due to the cutoff of Ender's pension. Bean visits Volescu in confinement, but they only bicker with Volescu saying that his plan to improve humanity will succeed.

Chapter 11, African God Analysis

The use of emails at the start of each chapter offers behind-the-scenes tidbits and insider information. This time Alai approaches Virlomi asking for a partnership or more but this chapter does not provide the answer to his email, which works as an effective hook.

The plot deepens as it becomes clearer that while Peter Wiggins says peace—his at-all-cost attitude is not so much in the best interest of others but is aimed at solidifying his power and authority as Hegemon. When Bean confronts Volescu about what he has done and plans to do to the human race, the man says it's no different than what Peter Wiggins is doing. This comparison brings into focus that Peter Wiggins is not a good guy and raises questions effectively as to what Peter Wiggins ultimately hopes to accomplish.



Chapter 12, Allahu Akbar

Chapter 12, Allahu Akbar Summary

Graff has invested Ender's pension and is making Ender a lot of money using a fantasy software program; Graff also narrows down the possible surrogate mothers for Beans babies to hundreds, down from thousands of possible women. Graff makes his continued help contingent upon Bean making Peter head of the Hegemon before Bean leaves Earth.

Outside his complex, Alai is looked upon as a figurehead. Alai sends a coded message to Felix Starman to get Alai out of Damascus. Petra sends Alai a coded message that has Alai planning to go to Beirut. In Haifa, a battle helicopter carrying Peter Wiggin meets Alai. Alai wants to meet with General Rajam and doesn't want his men exposed to danger. Alai pulls out his flamboyant Caliph get up and prepares to make his appearance. The crowds welcome the Caliph with loud cheers. When the General comes down the stairs, Ivan and the others riddle Rajam's body with bullets. Alai lets the crowds know that the General betrayed God and led his soldiers to commit atrocities. Those who do not obey the Caliph do not obey God. The crowd cheers and the men responsible for the atrocities are executed.

Chapter 12, Allahu Akbar Analysis

When Peter helps Alai escape and takes him to where he can assassinate General Rajam, the plot once again intertwines the theme of world peace and the members of Ender's Jeesh. The fact that Alai and Petra are still in contact, and that Alai expected Bean reveals the underlying relationships among the members of the Jeesh that outsiders will not understand.

Also, the role of Caliph has fed Alai's ambition to actually make a statement where he compares himself to God—that to disobey the Caliph is to disobey God. This gives him something in common with Virlomi, whose own ambition has driven her to believe she is a god.



Chapter 13, Found

Chapter 13, Found Summary

Graff emails Petra saying they have found one of Petra and Bean's missing children. Petra heads to the airport where Mazer Rackham meets her. When they land, they drive to a large home in the hills. Petra ponders how Peter will ever get control of her Jeesh mates as they make their individual nations great. Bean is different in that he desired love—to give and take it—and to survive, not hold power; whereas, Peter needs to surpass everyone, probably even Ender. Petra is ambitious and selfish, too and married Bean so as to produce the next level of humans. In the home the woman pleads to keep the baby. Once they get back to the car, Petra confesses that she feels badly for the couple. Rackham reminds her that they had moved when Volescu's deadman's switch was activated...they did know.

Chapter 13, Found Analysis

Using the semblance of the family unit feeling within Ender's Jeesh and how the children in Battle School loved Ender Wiggin, the author creates a tangible understanding of the good that can come from the one world government and the ushering in of world peace, even if it takes war to get there. The author also uses Petra's inner feelings and internal dialog to reveal her initial motives for marrying and having children with Bean. It shows her own drive and ambition, which is confirmed when Rackham tells her that her tests revealed she is "off the charts" when it comes to ambition. He compares her to Peter, which foreshadows future dealings between Petra and Peter who have something in common—ambition.



Chapter 14, Virlomi's Visitors

Chapter 14, Virlomi's Visitors Summary

Han Tzu has hopes of helping Suri track down his parents and other family members. In India, Virlomi builds a mud hut outside the gates of Hyderabad, where Indians line up by the hundreds to seek an audience with her. Those waiting who expect to see her, have to be barefoot and dressed in Indian garb. Tikal Chapekar, the former prime minister of India, returns to India, and asks who Virlomi is, learning that Virlomi is the soul of India and that the Hindus no longer hold offices—the Caliph held elections but no one ran and no one voted. Virlomi told them not to. Chapekar expects to see Alai when he is ushered in to see the caliph, but instead, Ghaffar Wahabi greets him. Chapekar decides to wait in line to see this "soul of India." Chapekar tells Virlomi he wants to help her, and she asks what weapons he is trained to use. None. He is not a soldier but a governor, but the people have no need of a governor. They now govern themselves. There is no place for him in India. He vows never to leave but after being ignored by everyone, he returns to the Muslim compound, and they fly him to the Netherlands. Virlomi's second visitor is a dead comrade named Sayagi, who visits her in a dream as he awaits rebirth. Virlomi's third visitor is Han Tzu dressed as a peasant. He asks her to marry him. She turns him down, so he asks her to promise that she won't marry Alai either.

Chapter 14, Virlomi's Visitors Analysis

When Sayagi appears to Virlomi in a dream and asks her when she became godlike, she tells him it occurred when she decided to take action. He tells her that it worked for her but did not work for him. His actions resulted in his death. This foreshadows Virlomi's future as she begins to trust in herself as a god and continues to take actions believing she is invincible. This dream-visitor predicts death if she continues on the path she is currently following. Sayagi tells her she has only come against fools until now. This is the same statement Alai makes later in the story. Sayagi also tells her to marry for love rather than dynastically, or she will never be happy. This hook deepens as the story progresses and Han Tzu brings a marriage proposal. When she rejects his offer, Han Tzu asks her to promise that she won't marry Alai either. This reflects the ambition of Ender's Jeesh, who now find themselves pitted against one another.



Chapter 15, Ratification

Chapter 15, Ratification Summary

At a press conference, Radaghaste Bellini asks Peter why he provokes India and the Islam nations within the Constitution. Peter insists they must make not only their intent clear but prove that they are able to back up what they say. Only nations who already provide human rights will be accepted into the FPE (Free People of the Earth). A map with a number of lights reveals which countries are in the FPE; lights continuously come on, showing another country is accepted into the FPE. FPE will vigorously protect its countries against interference in the plebiscite electoral process. Peter reminds people that the office of Hegemon was instituted when the world was threatened and he will resign when the threat of war is gone.

Peter and Bean squelch uprisings here and there and more countries join the FPE. Peter's parents visit him and are proud of what he accomplished. When they leave, Peter becomes emotional. For the first time since he can remember, no one mentioned his brother Ender; instead Peter received the credit; he sobs.

Chapter 15, Ratification Analysis

The themes of ambition and world peace run through this chapter as Peter Wiggin takes calculated steps to get countries to join the FPE while avoiding all out war. By the end of the chapter, when his parents thank him for all he's done, for the first time the author shows a softer, more vulnerable, Peter. It's as if in his mind he has returned to the young boy who was rejected from Battle School and finally receives the affirmation he has longed for; the fact that he is jealous of his brother Ender's accomplishments is evident. And yet the irony is that really, Peter is using all the young men and women Ender trained to accomplish his plan.



Chapter 16, Jeesh

Chapter 16, Jeesh Summary

Virlomi and Peter plan to meet on a boat. Fly Molo meets Bean at the Manila airport, where Bean has found another of his babies, one that does not have Bean's condition. Molo takes Bean to what looks like an Ender's Jeesh reunion. They discuss what is going on in the world, and Graff paints a hypothetical scenario. "Some combination of China, India, and the Muslim world destroy each other. Whichever one emerges on top, Bean destroys on the battlefield on behalf of the FPE" (P. 199). He asks if anyone doubts that he can do it and some raise their hands, including Bean. Crazy Tom points out that they don't have to beat Bean, just wait until he dies. This is the point of the meeting. Their competitive ambition will cost millions of lives once Bean is gone. Graff knows they want world peace; the problem is that they each want to be the one to bring it. Graff offers them a chance to leave earth as leaders of individual colonies.

Chapter 16, Jeesh Analysis

The theme of Ender's Jeesh is central in this chapter. The author reminds us of all they accomplished, how they saved the world and how Bean differs from the rest. He is the most brilliant but the least ambitious. He wants to win, but he has no need to fight individuals; whereas, the rest of the Jeesh are driven to want to be the best and the one in charge. This need will tear the world apart because they are such capable leaders—Han Tzu and Alai are perfect examples. Graff and Rackham offer to take the members of the Jeesh from earth and let them establish colonies where they can use their gifts and leadership abilities, but the offer is not well received. The Ender's Jeesh theme influences the world peace theme, because as long as they remain on earth, there will be no peace.



Chapter 17, Boats

Chapter 17, Boats Summary

Virlomi is looking for an ally to help rid India of the Muslims. In her mind, the former members of Ender's Jeesh think they can rule over her, but she has lived her whole life denying such a position. She is ready to only turn to Peter Wiggin for help and plans to offer herself in marriage. Peter tells her that he had hoped her purpose in meeting was to bring news that India is ready to ratify the Constitution and join the FPE. Peter rejects her proposal but lets her down gently, reminding her that gods don't need partnerships with mere mortals. Graff makes the same offer he made to the members of Ender's Jeesh. She leaves without looking back. Once back in India, she walks into the Muslim compound to the room where Alai sits. She undresses and Alai sends away his soldiers. Alai accepts and she kisses him the in the same way she kissed Peter Wiggin. They marry in the same room.

Chapter 17, Boats Analysis

The theme of ambition is central in this chapter through the character of Virlomi. In fact, her ambition is clouding her thinking as she starts to believe her god persona. She boldly goes after Peter Wiggin in a power move, and when he rejects her marriage proposal, she goes straight to Alai and offers the same partnership. But this time she blackmails him to get her way as she stands before him naked. She threatens to leave the room naked and tell those outside that he took advantage of her. He capitulates and agrees to the marriage, though it isn't really clear that why he accepts. It could be because she turned down Han Tuz's proposal and marrying Virlomi would be a victory against Tzu, as well as a strategic alliance. However this is uncertain as the scene is written from Virlomi's point of view. Through her inner thoughts, the author raises tension and leaves no doubt as to intent. The theme of Ender's Jeesh also plays a role because Virlomi resents their popularity; her jealousy blinds her and she marries for power rather than love.



Chapter 18, Yerevan

Chapter 18, Yerevan Summary

Dink accepts Graff's offer. On the flight back from Kiev, Bean holds two of the babies, while Petra holds one. They are on their way to visit Petra's parents. Petra's mother greets her with hugs and kisses and comments on how small the babies are. Bean thanks Petra's mom and dad for allowing them to use their apartment for the unofficial meeting. The Prime Minister, President and Foreign Minister arrive and Petra's mother takes the children into another room. Bean paints the big picture. The plan is to break Alai before his control grows stronger. After the meeting, when Petra's parents hear of the plan to go into space, Petra's mother says she will be dead by the time they return to earth. Bean says he is not going anywhere until Peter is established. Petra starts to plan her war tactics. Her mother asks if Peter Wiggin is a good man. Petra doesn't answer directly but says that greatness changes people. Petra asks how her mother was able to give her child up. Her mother says that Petra was taken not given up. Within the short conversation, she mentions that Petra was such an ambitious child but that now that she is married, "Ambition for yourself is over. It's now ambition for your children" (P. 239).

Chapter 18, Yerevan Analysis

When Bean draws a comparison between Alai, Petra and his own abilities and makes a point to say that Virlomi's abilities do not match theirs, this is a foreshadowing of Virlomi's downfall. The author masterfully uses Petra's own doubts to build tension and conflict. This distinction also falls in line with the theme of Ender's Jeesh for they are not only worshiped as heroes as evidenced by the cabbie and doorman, but their abilities and experience truly make them better than others.

When Petra tells her mother that greatness changes a man from what they were to start, it opens the door to accept the fact that perhaps Peter Wiggin's changes are genuine—that his concern for humanity has gone beyond his personal ambitions. The theme of ambition plays in this chapter, too, as Petra's mother points out that Petra was ambitious even as a very young child. Petra's own insomnia brought on by planning war strategy, reveals that ambition is still alive. Her mother's statements also foreshadow the reason that Petra, of all the Jeesh members, is able to stay on earth. "Ambition for yourself is over. It's now ambition for your children" (P. 239).



Chapter 19, Enemies

Chapter 19, Enemies Summary

Petra writes an article titled, "You Can't Fight an Epidemic With a Fence" under her pen name, Martel. The article is posted on the early warning network. This propaganda challenges Peter Wiggin to take action and live up to his title. It is aimed at provoking Alai into making a move. Now they must sit and wait to see if it brings about the desired results.

Alai and Virlomi sit side by side, but even with the semblance of equality, Virlomi is not happy. Today's meeting with the Muslims is important and they resent her presence. What she says rubs them wrong. When they say something to Alai, Virlomi answers. Alai asks for the writing in the essay to be compared to other writings Peter Wiggin has had published. He will not take preemptive actions based on speculation. Some of the men show approval but others are skeptical. Alai asks if the people think him ineffective. The answer is yes. The world outside of Islam will perceive an attack as confirming what the Martel essay says. Virlomi takes over the meeting. If they want to bring the Muslim world together under Caliph Alai, then they need to pay attention to Han Tzu. She exposes Han Tzu's intentions when Tzu proposed marriage to Alai so India and China could make war against Islam. This stirs more suspicion among the men, who are more concerned about whether or not she acted properly as a wife. When everyone leaves, she challenges Alai to tell her who is a bigger threat than Han Tzu. He says, "If we attack Han Tzu unprovoked, and it looks as if he might lose—or does lose—then we can expect the Muslim population of Europe to be expelled, and the nations of Europe will unite, probably with the United States, probably with Russia" (P. 252). His response infuriates her. India is going to take action. Alai says her army is ill-equipped and even though the Indian people do as she asks—they can only do what is possible. He tries to make her see the weaknesses in her strategy. She asks how he would know—what wars has he fought and won. He points back to the bugger war and his time in Ender's Jeesh. This fuels her anger and jealousy. He says she has never led a large army into combat. In an effort to calm her, he tells her that he loves her, but until now she has only fought against bad commanders. She talks about why she is special and that the Battle School tests don't reveal everything. Alai says if they wait, Bean will die and Peter Wiggin will lose his biggest asset. It only angers her more that he thinks Bean is so special. She plans to fight without him. A move like that will be foolish and will look like Alai is also attacking HanTzu. He reminds her that Han Tzu was a member of Ender's Jeesh, but she only counters with the fact that they will have the element of surprise on their side with a plan created by Caliph Alai, also a member of Ender's Jeesh. The only thing she wants from him is to be pregnant with his child before she leads her troops to war. He tries to talk her out of her madness, and she asks him what he's going to do—divorce her? If he does he'll be forced to withdraw from India. She kisses him and he kisses her—not because he wants to but because he fears what she will do if he rejects her.



Chapter 19, Enemies Analysis

In this chapter, the themes of ambition and world peace collide. For even though the members of Ender's Jeesh are ambitious, they desire world peace. They just want to be the ones to bring it about, while Virlomi's ambition stands in contrast. Her goal is not world peace, but world domination as she longs to prove to herself and the world that she is better than anyone in Ender's Jeesh. Alai sees Peter Wiggin as the rival to beat because he has a plan for world peace that conflicts with Alai's plan because it will collapse Alai's Muslim world. Virlomi's ambition crosses the line in this chapter and now consumes her. All rational thinking is gone, and she believes her own propaganda that she is a goddess who can do whatever she wants and expect success. In so doing, she will prove she is better than any of the members of Ender's Jeesh.



Chapter 20, Plans

Chapter 20, Plans Summary

Han Tzu emails Alai and Virlomi. He is aware of troop movements. Virlomi's return email says she has not forgotten what China did to India. If he wants to avert a war, he will have to swear allegiance to "Mother India" and "Caliph Alai". Unknown to Virlomi, Alai also answers the email telling Han Tzu not to do anything impulsive because things won't go as they appear to be going.

Rackham meets with Peter Wiggin with concerns over the consequences to Martel's latest essay. Peter has no control over how others respond. All he can do is use the tools he has to keep pressing—just as Graff told him to do. When Rackham asks if Peter is ready for a war between India and China, Peter puts the ball back in Rackham's court. Those responsible are the geniuses that he and Graff trained. He asks why they are planning something so stupid. Rackham relaxes because he thought this was Peter's doing, which irritates Peter. Peter is not like Rackham or Graff trying to control the world. Peter tells Rackham about Virlomi's marriage proposal. The thing that surprises him is that Alai went for it. Rackham tells Peter that Graff was right about Peter. Peter learns the real reason he wasn't accepted at Battle School is not because he was too aggressive or reckless, but because people don't trust him. They fear him for his intelligence and aggression. He was rejected from Battle School to place him where he is now. Rackham and Graffs want Peter to win so the world stops wasting its surpluses on war and instead use it to send people out to colonize other worlds. Peter comes to understand Graff and Rackham's offer to take the members of Ender's Jeesh off world—if they care about them—but he also understands that if Bean wasn't dying, Bean would be the one in Peter's place. Peter hopes to get the Russians to stay out of the fight. Peter thinks Alai is doomed to die when Muslims realize he is not a fanatic. Alai has thoughts of liberalizing Islam. It's a race to see if Alai's followers kill Virlomi or the fanatical Muslims kill Alai.

Chapter 20, Plans Analysis

The email at the start of this chapter unveils the continued relationship between Han Tzu and Alai as Han Tzu lets Alai and Virlomi know that he is aware of troop movement. Enemies would not reveal recon info like this, which shows that even now the members of the Jeesh feel a loyalty and trust toward one another. In Alai's email back to Han Tzu, this trust and loyalty is also reflected more so than it is to his wife. He tells Han Tzu not to be impulsive because things aren't as they seem. Alai has other plans.

Rackham's visit with Peter also opens threads to the themes of Ender's Jeesh and world peace and takes them to new levels. Graff and Rackham continue to care about these young people and want to save them. They know that if the members of Ender's Jeesh stay on earth, inevitably all of them will die, leaving one to rule. Instead, they



have a plan to send them all off in colony ships to populate the hive worlds that were taken during the war with the Buggers. This is the ultimate way to bring peace on earth—to remove Ender's Jeesh.



Chapter 21, Papers

Chapter 21, Papers Summary

Vlad emails Peter to apologize for his government using his ideas. He is taking Graff up on his offer to leave earth. In Hyderabad, Alai, too, has given his orders and plans to leave when Virlomi is arrested. Once she sits in prison and regains her senses, he will release her but not in India. With him and Virlomi out of India, the people will have a chance to rebuild while he puts the Islamic house in order. He leaves his office with two guards. When they reach the parking garage, two more guards fall into step. He approaches the idling limo. The back door is opened. In the distance his most trusted advisor, Ivan Lankowski jogs toward him while pulling out a gun. Alamandar steps out of the limo and shouts for the guards to shoot him. Ivan shoots the guard to Alai's left and another guard before being shot dead. Alai knows Ivan was a perfect shot and was shooting at the guards. Alai scoops up Ivan's gun and takes out the guard standing over him and shoots Alamandar. Alai shoots the limo driver. "You are no Caliph," gasped Alamandar. "The Hindu woman is more of a Caliph than you are, you black dog" (P. 279). Alai kills him then dresses in a dead guard's clothing and gathers their unused pistols. Alai boards the plane and asks if they know how deep the conspiracy runs, and the man says they knew nothing more than that the Caliph was to be killed on the plane to Damascus.

Petra and Bean prepare for the start of hostilities. Bean knows it will be a poorly-planned attack because Alai isn't in charge. If he were, Virlomi wouldn't be doing what she is doing. Alai is a builder like Ender. Alai's goal is to build the Muslims into the same kind of civilization as Peter is doing with the FPE, but it isn't working. Petra's mother calls saying someone is taking the babies. Petra demands to talk to the "friend" taking their children, but he refuses to get on the phone. They are to meet at the airport. At the airport Petra and Bean find Rackham waiting. He takes them to a private jet; their babies are on board. Rackham has to get them out of there because the airport in Yerevan is going to be blown up according to Vlad's plan. He's been airlifted from Moscow and debriefed. Bean asks Rackham what this is really about—why didn't he just call? They have found their other babies. Bean is suspicious that they found all the babies at once. He knows what it means. Rackham waited for Peter's approval. Petra asks how many and Rackham tells her one with Bean's condition and three without it. One baby is still missing. Petra suggests drugging Volescu to learn where their last child is, but Rackham won't risk it. They need him to help find a cure for Bean. They're putting Volescu in space where he can't do any more damage. He will live if he makes progress on finding the cure. Bean still questions why Rackham didn't call, and Rackham tells him they want to send him into space now. Bean gets teary eyed and hands Petra divorce papers. Petra realizes he isn't taking her with him. The ninth missing child is the only reason she accepts staying behind.



Chapter 21, Papers Analysis

The story reaches its climax as the assassination attempt on Alai's life brings the realization that the Islamic factions do not support him. With it, his plan to bring peace to the world dissolves, and all he can do is escape with his life. The members of Ender's Jeesh are leaving earth one by one. In Armenia, Petra and Bean prepare for battle and because they know Alai—they know that he is no longer in control. This plays on the Ender's Jeesh theme as the Jeesh knows one another so well that they can determine what is or is not happening on the other side of the battle based their close-knit relationship. As for the missing baby, the author has given enough information for the reader to know a woman named Randi carries their child. It creates a hook because the woman loathes Bean for killing Achilles.



Chapter 22, Rumors of War

Chapter 22, Rumors of War Summary

Graff sends Peter an email saying Russia is taking a chance that Europe will remain calm and do nothing. It's the same risk they were willing to take when they had Achilles and kidnapped all of Ender's Jeesh. And though Russia is making a move to establish itself as a world power again, they don't have their Jeesh boy, Vlad, to help, but they do have his plans. Vlad says they are inflexible and will not deviate from the plan. Plus, Vlad makes copies of the plan available to Graff and Han Tzu. Petra is going to move to Russia.

When Peter sends word to Suriyawong, he is ready. He is leading the Thai army to face the Indian army. He finds it ironic that he stands ready to defend China. "China has changed," Suriyawong told the officers, "but India has not. Once again, they're pouring over the border of a nation that believes itself to be at peace with them" (P. 298). He points a finger at Virlomi, who thinks she's a goddess and makes it clear she is just another Battle School graduate like himself. They have Bean's plan, and Tzu is sure they will win. Virlomi's troops march blindly with unwarranted confidence. Reports of two more contingents doing the same confirm their foolishness. The hardest thing for Suriyawong is that he loves Virlomi. He makes sure she will not be killed if it can be prevented.

Han Tzu walks among his troops, something he learned from Ender. His men trust him as they retreat further inland. What he doesn't tell them is that they are waiting for Peter Wiggin. Peter is in Helsinki with heads of government at a press conference. He announces, "At the request of the governments of Armenia and China, both of which were the victims of simultaneous unprovoked aggression by Russia, India, and the Muslim League of Caliph Alai, the Free People of Earth have decided to intervene" (P. 302). Along with this he announces that China, Thailand and Armenia are among the new allies to join the FPE. He plays a video for the crowd. Vlad, who has been held against his will in Russia, apologizes to China and Armenia. His plan is being used to invade their borders. When he wrote the plans, he thought they were a contingency if Russia was invaded. As a result, he makes his plans known to all so every move can be anticipated. He explains that he didn't fight the Buggers to save the human race just to see it destroyed. He is leaving earth and challenges other Battle School graduates to do the same unless they serve the FPE.

Bean stands among the small beds that hold his children. He wonders how Petra will manage five on her own without him. Rackham wonders how Bean will handle three, but Bean reminds him that children with his genetic modification are self sufficient. Bean slips an envelope out of his pocket and tucks it under Ramon. It is a note for Petra. Rackham tells Bean that his pension will be invested like Ender's, but Bean tells him to give it all to Petra. After Petra and these children die, then the software can manage it. Rackham says he'll be back before that, but Bean thinks not. He doesn't want to come



back while Petra is still alive. It would be awful for him to face her still young while her life will have changed. He hopes she will remarry. Bean is pretty sure he and his children will be forgotten. Rackham assures him that funding for the research is being handled by the investment software. Bean says goodbye to his babies and follows Rackham to a waiting van.

Back at Suriyawong's position, Bean is notified that the press conference has happened and it is time to move. Bean times it so all six contingents will overtake the Indian troops at the same time. He flies by chopper to where Virloomi leads her troops. Petra leads her troops across Russia by passenger train. Without Vlad to lead them, the Russians are doomed. Han Tzu orders his troops into position—everything is timed precisely. They follow Vlad's plan and defend the high country while incompetently shelling the approaching armies. All they have to do is confine the Russians for 40 minutes. He awaits the command to blow the dam. It will wipe out the Russians like the Egyptians at the Red Sea. In Armenia, Bean disembarks from a chopper and apologizes that he is late. Within minutes they secure the perimeter. Then the Armenians witness Bean walk into a building that is blown to smithereens. Nothing is left and now they must tell Petra that her husband is dead.

Chapter 22, Rumors of War Analysis

Special knowledge from Battle School and being part of Ender's Jeesh make this war complex because intel is available whether it is being passed verbally or not. The former Jeesh members know one another in battle and their experience serving under Ender has changed them. When Han Tzu walks among his men, it is because he learned it from Ender. He is one of them. He cares and is willing to risk his life the same as they are. Ender hated war—Tzu witnessed that after the last battle when the Hive Queens had been killed. As Han Tzu, Vlad, Bean and Petra work together it is like a well oiled machine. When the satellite information shows Han Tzu that the Turkish armies are not organized, he knows that Alai must not be in control.



Chapter 23, Colonist

Chapter 23, Colonist Summary

Alai contacts Graff to accept his offer to leave earth. His people hate him even more than they hate Virlomi. He goes into hiding. Watching Vlad on the news shows him what he must do. He plans to make his own video to be released through Muslim networks so it is credible.

Randi tries not to draw attention to herself or her son and rejoices when she hears Julian Delphiki has been killed. But even with Bean dead, she can't tell anyone the truth about her son because they'll want to take him away for testing. She has to stay in hiding. Her son is so tiny, all she needs is a traveling bed, but his brilliant mind scares her. She works enough to support them, but the way Peter Wiggin and the FPE are taking over frightens her. She plans to go to a colony where no one will care that her baby isn't really hers. On the way to the airport, traffic is redirected and she goes by the mosque where Alai is speaking. Inside she stands in the women's section where she gets a glimpse of the Caliph. He announces that he is Caliph no matter where he lives and will take with him Muslims who embrace Islam as a religion of peace. He renounces those who took part in the invasion of China and Armenia. If a Muslim country elects to join the FPE, that it is "permitted by God" (P. 320). This sickens Randi. Peter Wiggin somehow has even gotten to the Caliph. She walks away with her hope in the new colony where her son can grow and someday return to earth.

Chapter 23, Colonist Analysis

Randi's child is so tiny all he needs is a traveling bed. This and the fact that he is so brilliant are clues that connect him to Petra and Bean as their missing child, but Randi thinks it is Achilles' baby. The fact that she plans to move to one of the colonies, and almost every member of Ender's Jeesh are also colonizing other worlds, opens the door for someone there to recognize the baby as Bean's son and a sequel to this book.



Chapter 24, Sacrifice

Chapter 24, Sacrifice Summary

Fly Molo sends an email to Graff. Every way Molo turns, he sees Jeesh members responsible for victories that turn the tide of world power. Now his country of Thailand wants him to put together military plans. He doesn't want to leave home, but sees no other choice. If he stays, there's no peace for him, but he isn't positive he's ready to lead a colony. In China, Han Tzu is faced with a massive clean up after the flood, and the fighting isn't over. What will his country expect next? He doesn't want subjugation of his enemies or any more killing. "He knew that with China he had a people with the intelligence, the vigor, the resources, and unified will—everything a ruler needed to go out into the world and make everything he saw his own" (P. 324). His people need peace.

Reports of Bean's death circulate from Armenia. Petra hears the news by phone from her father. She will be home when the war is over. The babies are in capable hands. She knew she would lose him from the beginning; he even begged her not to marry him. It leaves her angry—at herself because she realizes the height of her ambition. Right now her ambition leads her into battle. It will help to take her mind off Bean and her children. In China, Virlomi leads her people into battle. Her driver wants to remove her from the danger, but she insists on staying in the thick of battle. She barks orders as she understands the enemies' tactics. "It was a disciplined force that was systematically herding her troops—her hundreds of thousands of soldiers—into a killing ground along the road and the riverbank" (P. 328). Suriyawong leads the troops coming against her and orders his men not to shoot Virlomi unless they must. She interprets it as her fate as a god, but knows she has led her people into a trap. No one in Ender's Jeesh would make such a blunder. Her phone rings; the enemy is calling. The voice on the phone is Suri. She realizes Alai was right. Suri tells her to stop fighting. As long as she fights her men will die. Virlomi tells her people to put down their weapons. They must make this sacrifice so they can return home and have babies to help heal her country's wounds. She lifts her arms in surrender and her troops do the same. She is not a goddess but a fool. Suri announces that she is Peter Wiggins's prisoner and will not be returning to India. She's just as glad because she doesn't know how she could face her people with such shame. Suri suggests she face them by video to ask them to hold a plebiscite to become part of the FPE. Virlomi scorns the thought because a nation without a military is easily destroyed. Suriyawong points out that in this battle, Virlomi acted as the aggressor, and Peter Wiggins wipes out aggressors so people can live in peace.

Chapter 24, Sacrifice Analysis

Han Tzu realizes that his reputation and victory offer him anything he wants, but what he sees for his country is that his people need no more war, no more loss of life—what they need is peace. After Virlomi's defeat she comes to the same conclusion. As the



theme of world peace comes together a piece at a time the theme of ambition keeps it in check. Bean reins in his ambition but when his death is staged because he's leaving, Petra deals with the loss by feeding her ambition to win—to go into battle.



Chapter 25, Letters

Chapter 25, Letters Summary

Bean contacts Graff by email through the ansible. He tells Graff not to feel badly when he's ready to die and hasn't found a cure because Bean has never believed in a cure. On earth a year later, Russia joins the FPE and the Muslim league is broken into pieces. Petra has been away from her children, and when she finally goes home she can't believe how much they've changed and how much she has missed. Bean's mom and Peter are there. The children love Peter, who spends time with them everyday. At first Petra doesn't want Peter as the father figure in her children's life, but it's too late. She's been gone and he's been there. He gives Petra the note Bean left for her, but she is too emotional. He holds her in his arms and offers to read it for her. He starts out, "I love you," and goes on to share his last minute thoughts about the children. After Peter leaves and she calms down, she reads the note again. Later that night in bed she realizes the note doesn't say the words "I love you." Those are Peter's words.

Chapter 25, Letters Analysis

Plot threads come together as Peter had planned and have moved to a new phase. Ender's Jeesh are all gone except for Petra. Her children love him, and he loves Petra. This raises tension as Petra's love for Bean has not really died because she knows he's still alive, but she also knows she must move on with her life.



Chapter 26, Speak for Me

Chapter 26, Speak for Me Summary

Time has passed. Rackham and Graff have died. Peter is more than 70-years-old when he contacts his sister, Valentine. The world is at peace and his responsibilities are minimal. He has gradually delegated his responsibilities until now his office is nothing more than a figurehead position. He and Petra are married, have children and grandchildren. He tells Valentine that he read Ender's book the Hive Queen and that he would like Ender to write his biography so that the true story will be told. He liked the way the Hive Queen was written...short and simple, "But it painted a picture of the Hive Queens that was as they might have written it themselves" (P. 357). And the skill with which it is written makes humans wish they had known their enemy; this is what Peter wants for his biography. He and Ender make amends after all these years and spends hours communicating by ansible, however Ender doesn't write the book until after Peter's death.

Chapter 26, Speak for Me Analysis

This chapter brings resolution. First of all, the earth is experiencing peace just as Peter had planned. Resolution is also introduced when Peter makes amends with his brother Ender, and Ender writes Peter's biography as he wished. At the end of the chapter, Petra reads to Peter in the grave and says she loves him, but adds that he must have known that she never stopped loving Bean, which resolves the question of how she could move on while knowing Bean is still alive.



Characters

Julian Delphiki (Bean)

Bean is a young man who has been genetically altered as an embryo by a man named Volescu. When Volescu's illegal "experiments" were about to be discovered, a one-year-old Bean hides in the tank of a toilet and escapes the fate of all his experimental siblings, who are destroyed. His genetic alterations leave him brilliant and able to survive on the streets of Rotterdam as a toddler and eventually lead him to Battle School, where he is not only the youngest child accepted but he scores higher than anyone in the history of Battle School. There he becomes part of Ender's Jeesh, though he differs from the others. Even though he is the smartest, he doesn't have the same driving ambition as the others. Unlike the others, he doesn't hunger for control or to be on top. While serving as part of Ender's Jeesh, Bean meets his future wife, Petra, and when the story opens, he is in the process of trying desperately to find a cure to his condition, which has resulted in gigantism as a side effect. His body will continue to grow until his heart can't keep up and then he will die—probably by the time he is 20-years-old. This is all a result of the very genetic tampering which makes him brilliant. At the same time, he is also desperately searching to find stolen embryos that belong to him and his wife. The man responsible for the missing embryos is the same Volescu who thought nothing of destroying Bean's siblings.

Bean is offered a reprieve from death by Graff and Rackham. The plan is that he will travel through space at lightspeed, which will slow the aging process while researchers try to find the cure for his condition. But Bean won't leave until he finds his children. As long as he is staying, he is asked to help Peter Wiggin establish World Peace under the office of the Hegemon. Bean is asked to lead Peter's military, which he can't believe because Peter doesn't listen to him. He accepts because he understands he is chosen because he is the best man for the job. His ambition is to accomplish what must be done. It's how he has always lived his life and survived.

By the end of the book, Bean has accomplished what he must do and stages his death before escaping on the spacecraft with his babies, who have his same genetic condition. Before he leaves, he gives Petra divorce papers to free her to marry again. They still love each other and she wants to go along, but they still have one baby missing, and Petra understands that she must stay. Time passes and Petra marries Peter, but she never forgets Bean. Graff dies; Rackham dies, and Peter dies. Bean and his children are still in space, which leaves the story open for a sequel.

Petra (Arkanian) Delphiki

An Armenian, Petra Delphiki is a former member of Ender's Jeesh. In fact, she was one of the most ambitious and valued members of the Jeesh, but when *Shadow of the Giant* opens, Petra is the pregnant wife of Julian Delphiki (Bean), who she met in Battle



School. He, too, was a member of Ender's Jeesh with the distinction of being the smartest and least ambitious student ever to attend the school. Petra has set aside her own ambitions and is pregnant with Bean's child through in vitro fertilization. The remainder of their fertilized eggs have been stolen, and Bean and Petra use every avenue and resource to find them. Bean's time is short, because his genetic modifications are likely to kill him by the time he is 20-years-old.

Their first child is born, a son, and they name him Andrew (Ender Wiggin's real name), and call him little Ender. He has the same genetic flaws as his father and with it the same death sentence. Over the course of the story, they do find all but one of their children. Half of the children are normal, and the other half are like Bean, extremely bright but doomed to die as giants at a young age.

Hiram Graff and Mazer Rackham offer Bean a solution to save his life and that of his children by putting them on a top secret spaceship traveling at lightspeed until they find a cure for his condition. The lesser gravity will be easier on his heart, and he will hardly age. After many arguments, Petra plans to go along, but Bean loves her and their normal children so plans secretly to make the trip without her so they can enjoy a normal life on earth. When it comes time to actually leave, he hands her divorce papers. It makes her furious, but she knows she can't go even if she wants to because they still have one missing child to find here on earth.

After Bean leaves along with their special children, Petra cannot bear to go home and face her five children and see Bean's face there. Instead, she stays active with the military for a year, feeding her ambitious nature. When she finally returns home, her house has been enlarged to accommodate her family, and she is sorry for all the time she missed. Her children are walking and talking, and they love Peter Wiggin. It bothers her at first that he has stepped in as a father figure in the lives of Bean's children, but then she realizes that he was there for them when she wasn't. Over time, she grows to love Peter Wiggin and they marry and have 5 more children together. By the end of the story, Peter dies at age 73, leaving Petra a widow. She visits Peter's grave and reads his biography written by his brother, Ender. Even though she loved Peter, she never stopped loving Bean.

Peter Wiggin

Peter Wiggin is the ambitious, older brother of the famed hero Ender Wiggin. Peter did not make the cut for Battle School, which bothers him into his adult life, but now capitalizes on the fact that he is Ender's older brother as he unites the world under one government in the name of world peace as Hegemon. His methods are ambitious and ruthless but they work as he establishes the Free People of Earth, which requires all the people to ratify a contract relinquishing their autonomous freedoms as individual nations.

Julian Delphiki (Bean) is the commander of Peter's military until Bean retreats into space to save his life and the life of his children who have inherited his same modified



genetic structure. Before Bean leaves, he gives Petra divorce papers and leaves her behind even though he loves her. Heartbroken, she stays busy with military duties for a year before she goes home to see her children. In that year Peter Wiggin visits her children every day and shows them genuine love. When Petra does return, Peter reads the short note Bean left behind before he left. He starts out with, "I love you," and then the note goes on to talk about the children Bean has with him, and those left with Petra. Later, Petra realizes the words "I love you" were not written in the note, and that those were Peter's words. As time goes on, Peter and Petra marry and have 5 more children. They live into old age, and Peter reconciles with his brother Ender by ansible. Peter asks Ender to write his biography, but Ender does not agree right away. Instead, he says they must talk and get to know one another, which they do. Peter dies at the age of 73, and Ender does write his life story in a book called *The Hegemon*. It isn't a long book, but it becomes a companion book to *The Hive Queen*, which Ender also writes under the pen name of Speaker of the Dead.

Han Tzu

Han Tzu whose nickname is "Hot Soup," is a Battle school graduate and former member of Ender's Jeesh. Back on earth now, he stands up to the Chinese authorities by pointing out the error in their battle strategies, but they don't listen to his advice. As a result, when things go wrong just as he predicted, the military supports him, and he becomes the leader of the Chinese nation. Yet this pits him against another former Battle School graduate and member of Ender's Jeesh named Alai, who is now the Caliph of the Muslim worlds.

As world powers line up and India plays an important role, Han Tzu disguises himself and sneaks into India to ask Virlomi to marry him in an effort to create an alliance against Alai, who leads the Muslim nations. She declines and instead allies with the Muslims and Russians and then invades Tzu's nation of China. This invasion is thwarted, though, by the Thai army under FPE authority. By the end of this battle Han Tzu recognizes his people don't need an Emperor, but they need peace. He decides to accept Graff's offer to leave earth and colonize one of the planets left empty by the war with the Buggers.

Volescu

The man responsible for altering Bean's genetic makeup and "creating him" as an experiment to create a superior race. When Volescu was found out, he destroyed all the "experiments" except for Bean, who at age one escaped and lived on the streets of Rotterdam. Volescu teamed up with Achilles and stole Bean and Petra's embryos. Bean killed Achilles, and Volescu goes into hiding leaving Bean and Petra in a desperate search to find their children. When Volescu is found, they learn he has created a virus capable of creating an entire genetically-altered race with the same flaws and strengths as Bean—brilliant and doomed to die young.



Randi

Randi is introduced at the start of the story when she is impregnated with a baby under secret circumstances. She believes the child belongs to Achilles, who was killed by Bean. She leaves her husband and goes into hiding and is not seen until the end of the story. Her baby is born two months early, and is in fact the last of Bean and Petra's stolen embryos—the one they never find. As a twist of fate, she plans to leave earth and become part of one of the colonies. Other than that, her future is unknown.

Mazer Rackham

Mazer Rackham is a famous war hero who saved the human race from annihilation during the Second Invasion. He's a bit of a mystery. Everyone thought he died in the war, but in reality he had been sent away at near-light-speed to keep him alive to be available for the last battles of the war. Han Tzu met him briefly at Command School on Eros, when he trained their commander, Ender Wiggin, for the war against the Hive Queens.

Mazer is Tzu's contact in China. He offers Tzu the opportunity to head a colony on a former Hive world, but when Tzu rejects the offer in order to stay and help his country, Mazer gives him a blow-dart gun disguised as a pen. When Tzu asks what it is, Mazer tells him it is the "mandate of heaven." This phrase lets Tzu know it is a weapon, "Because the mandate of heaven was always bestowed in blood and war" (P. 14). Mazer tells Tzu to practice with toothpicks and lets him know there are four darts. Then he gets up and walks away. Mazer offers all the members of Ender's Jeesh opportunities to leave earth as part of the colonization project. He is also instrumental in saving Bean's life and influencing Peter Wiggin as Hemegon.

Caliph Alai

Alai was a member of Ender's Jeesh, and since his return to earth has been Caliph, which is his title as leader of the Muslim world. The Muslim armies have invaded and conquered China because they put Alai in charge. As Caliph, he doesn't only have charge of the military but he is also the leader of their government and religion. His armies invade India as liberators, but they commit atrocities and do not leave. Alai's ideal is to liberate, which contradicts traditional Islamic beliefs. His marriage to Virlomi further undermines his leadership. Virlomi only marries him to enhance her power as leader of India. Alai realizes it is best if he leaves earth and plans to after he has Virlomi arrested and removed from India. Before that happens, an assassination attempt sends him into hiding and Virlomi goes to war with China. He plans to leave earth and colonize a planet with peace-loving Muslims.



Virlomi

Virlomi is a battle school graduate but did not belong to Ender's Jeesh. After the war, she returned home to her native India and troubled times. China had taken over her country just before Han Tzu takes over China. Caliph Alai liberates India but stays as an occupier. His armies commit atrocities, which Virlomi films and uses to educate the people—including Caliph Ala—as to what is really happening in India. In this video she introduces herself as the Mother of India and invites her "children" to fight for her. She draws the sign of Shiva the Destroyer on her forehead as a silent message that they are declaring war. In the same breath, she tells her audience that it means her followers will be destroyed. She is raised to the status of a war god uniting the people. In the early stages of her leadership, she marries Caliph Alai and is brilliant until she allows her ambition and jealousy toward the members of Ender's Jeesh to make her reckless. When she goes to war with China against her husband's counsel, she is doomed to lose.

Felix Starman

Prime minister of Fortress Rwanda, Felix Starman grants Peter Wiggin entry for two Hegemony jet helicopters and soldiers and provides maps of his nation to aid in Peter's efforts to find Volescu, the man responsible for stealing Bean and Petra's babies. Without Starman's cooperation they would never have been able to enter the airspace of the heavily-protected area. The Rwandan police round up the remnants of Achilles' network still protecting Volescu.



Objects/Places

Battle School

A military training center based on a space station. Its original purpose was to train and evaluate gifted children, create brilliant strategists and find prospective officers to serve in the IF and fight the war against the buggers

Mandate of Heaven

A traditional Chinese belief from ancient times. It bestows the right to rule and is always bestowed in blood and war.

Highest Headquarters

Government headquarters housing Chinese officials.

Hegemon

Leader of the Hegemony—an office as overseer of the Free People of the Earth movement until it is established.

Anton's Key

A genetic modification that afflicts Julian Delphiki (Bean) and four of his children. Born prematurely, they show symptoms of high intelligence and are very small for their age as children. They always hunger to learn more; as adults, they suffer from giantism because their bodies and brains never stop growing. This condition eventually kills the person by age 20 or so. Those who exhibit these symptoms are said to have Anton's Key turned.

Constitution of the Free People of Earth

A constitution which requires nations and peoples who accept it to give up autonomous authority; principles of this constitution include majority, viability, contiguity and compactness, which guarantees a homeland even if its borders are diminished. According to Peter Wiggin, it is "a contract among free citizens, not between nations" (P. 188).



Fortress Rwanda

A heavily-fortified nation referred to as the "Switzerland of Africa" because it retains its independent, neutral status.

Damascus

Alai governs the restored Caliphate from Damascus. He has the unwavering obedience of all the men within the complex, but on the outside it is another story. Enough people hate him that his life is in danger. His trusted adviser, Ivan, helps Alai escape from Damascus when they realize that he is looked at as nothing more than a figurehead.

Hyderabad

The occupying Muslims rule India from this complex, and Caliph Alai and Virlomi are married in here.

Lightspeed Space Ship

Ship designed to keep people young as they travel at the speed of light over long periods of time.



Themes

Ambition

The theme of ambition is introduced in the first chapter when Han Tzu is offered the opportunity to leave earth to colonize one of the former Hive Worlds. Instead, he chooses to stay in China and in the same day is offered control of China's military, but it is not enough. "Turning around to face the open door, Han Tzu said, 'There is no one in this building with the authority to command me'" (P. 20). The themes in this book are interrelated and the members of Ender's Jeesh, including Han Tzu, were originally chosen because they tested as highly ambitious. Not necessary for self but to be the best. For example, Tzu's internal conflict over what it would have been like if he had accepted the offer to colonize the former Hive world is overpowered by his need to help China. This reflects his ambitious drive to make things right for his country and ushers in the first hint of the recurring theme of ambition that carries the plot.

Peter Wiggin is a ruthlessly ambitious leader, who did not get accepted in Battle School. He is the older brother of the famous boy-hero Ender Wiggin, and his ambition pushes him to prove he is better than his brother. Peter lays the groundwork to remove the members of Ender's Jeesh from planet earth and plants the seed of reason as to why it is best for earth and for the Jeesh members if they leave. This plot thread weaves side by side with the quest for world peace. Because of his personal ambition, Peter Wiggin's motives for striving for world peace are questionable, as he takes calculated steps to get countries to join the FPE while avoiding all out war. However, when Petra tells her mother that greatness changes a man from what they were to start with, it opens the door to accept the fact that perhaps Peter's motives are purer and his ambitions for the good of the world.

Each member of Ender's Jeesh is highly ambitious as well, and make a personal journey in sacrificing their personal ambitions for the greater good. All but Petra leave earth, and she stays because she has children to raise. Her mother's words say it best, "Ambition for yourself is over. It's now ambition for your children" (P. 239).

The theme of ambition often collides with the theme of world peace as Ender's Jeesh function within their individual nations. They each desire world peace but want to be the individual to bring it about. One last character is worth mentioning because Virlomi's ambition stands in contrast. Her goal is not world peace, but world domination as she longs to prove to herself and to the world that she is better than anyone in Ender's Jeesh. This driving need is fueled by jealousy. She wants to be recognized as the best, but she is not the best. Her ambition builds early in her political career when she comes against inept opponents. This ambition blinds her to the truth and leads her to her defeat when she comes against members of Ender's Jeesh in battle.



Ender's Jeesh

Ender's Jeesh is the central theme woven throughout the entire story as Jeesh members find their place on earth following the war with the Buggers. With their skills and intelligence, they quickly rise to positions of prominence. The first chapter introduces Han Tzu and his emotional struggle at seeing China as a conquered nation. He tries to tell the authorities they are making mistakes, and as a graduate of Battle School and former member of Ender's Jeesh, he asks to be given command of the military but is turned down. The result, his former Jeesh cohort, Caliph Alai, leads conquering Muslim armies that invade China, just as Tzu predicts. Alai's intelligence runs the entire government and Muslim religion and by the end of the chapter, Han Tzu has the same power in China. This introduces the theme of Ender's Jeesh and its involvement on earth. Only the gifted elite made the cut for Ender's Jeesh, and the fact that Alai and Tzu know each other lays the groundwork for a complex plot that takes the conflict from a global level to a personal level as two of its members rise to become world leaders. This development raises tension with the possibility of putting others from the Jeesh into a spot where they will have to choose sides in the unstable world scenario. This plot thread builds conflict as these complex relationships hold room for admiration, suspicion and plenty of discord both internal and external.

The theme of Ender's Jeesh also comes into play in that Bean's loyalty to Ender causes him to take steps to protect Ender's money, no matter the personal consequences. However, in the overall scheme, it appears that Bean is the only one to hold such feelings, as the rest of the Jeesh prove they are driven by ambition for their own advancement much like Ender's older brother, Peter Wiggin. The author reminds us of all that Ender's Jeesh accomplished, how they saved the world and how Bean differs from the rest. He is the most brilliant but the least ambitious. He wants to win, but he has no need to fight individuals; whereas, the rest of the Jeesh are driven to want to be the best—the one in charge. This need will tear the world apart because they are such capable leaders—Han Tzu and Alai are perfect examples. This is why Graff and Rackham offer to take the members of the Jeesh from earth and let them establish colonies where they can use their gifts and leadership abilities. As long as they stay on Earth, there will not be peace until only one Jeesh member is still alive.

Many are jealous of the fame attributed to Ender's Jeesh, including Virlomi, who is a Battle School graduate. This is an accomplishment of which to be proud, but she wants to prove herself better than any member of the Jeesh. When Bean compares the ambition of Alai, Petra and his own abilities and makes a point to say that Virlomi's abilities do not match theirs, this foreshadows Virlomi's downfall. Ender's Jeesh are not only worshiped as heroes, but their abilities and experience truly make them better than others. Graff and Rackham continue to care about these young people and want to save them. They know that if the members of Ender's Jeesh stay on earth that inevitably all of them will die, leaving one to rule. This is the ultimate way to bring peace on earth—to remove Ender's Jeesh.



World Peace

The themes of Ender's Jeesh and world peace often meld within the plot, yet sometimes collide. For example, near the beginning of the story Alai comes face to face with the fact that his orders are not being carried out and that atrocities are committed in his name. Alai, at first, thinks these crimes to be only rumors, but Peter and Petra meet with him, and he learns that these heinous acts are committed in the name of Islam, and the world thinks they occurred with his blessing. His true desire is for world peace, which is evident in his actions when he leaves the comforts of Damascus to lead his soldiers in the field. This moves the plot along as it brings India into conflict with the Muslims and pits a member of Ender's Jeesh against a former member and graduate of Battle School.

Peter Wiggin is the central character trying to unite the world in peace. When he helps Alai escape and takes him to where he can assassinate General Rajam, the plot once again intertwines the theme of world peace and the members of Ender's Jeesh, as Peter uses members of the Jeesh to further his plans in creating a one world government, though this is not clear until the end of the book. The theme of ambition also rides in tandem with the theme of world peace as Peter Wiggin takes calculated steps to get countries to join the FPE while avoiding all out war. As the story reaches its climax, it is clear that there will be no peace on earth as long as Ender's Jeesh remain planet side because even though they desire world peace, they each want to be the one to bring it about. "Is peace to be founded on war after all? And if you did not have Julian Delphiki commanding 100,000 friendly African troops, would you attempt it?" (P. 185) Alai sees Peter Wiggin as the rival to beat because he has a plan for world peace that conflicts with Alai's plan because it will collapse Alai's Muslim world. As lines are drawn, members of Ender's Jeesh find themselves pitted against one another as world leaders.

Rackham's visit with Peter Wiggin brings the theme of world peace to a new level within the story because Graff and Rackham want to save the Jeesh members by removing them from earth. They know if the members of Ender's Jeesh stay on earth that inevitably all but one of them will die leaving that one to rule. Instead, they have a plan to send them all off in colony ships to populate the hive worlds that were taken during the war with the Buggers. This is the ultimate way to bring peace on earth—to remove Ender's Jeesh.



Style

Point of View

Shadow of the Giant is written in the third-person omniscient point of view. This allows the reader to observe situations through the senses and inner thoughts of each character without partiality. The focal character shifts from scene to scene offering perspectives from different focal characters and allowing readers to make determinations without being told what to think. For instance, when Bean promises Petra they will all leave earth together on the space ship, the reader knows he has no intention of bringing her and their normal children with him into space. This is an example of Bean as the focal character and the reader being privy to his true thoughts and feelings. However, the reader also learns that that Petra is happy that Bean understands.

The omniscient point of view is used to narrow the information available to the reader as it is filtered through the viewpoint characters' senses and thoughts such as in the scene where Virlomi is defeated. The reader is allowed to see Virlomi's thoughts as she unrealistically clings to the belief in her god persona, while her people are being slaughtered. She thinks she is unbeatable. But when the point of view switches to Suriyawong, the reader knows his troops are in place and Virlomi hasn't got a prayer. Orson Scott Card handles the switching of focal characters masterfully. In this way, it is similar to a first-person point of view because it is limited to one character's view point at a time. However, third-person omniscient point of view provides information from several characters and can be used to drop tidbits of information along the way that stir questions, create hooks, foreshadows and leaves the reader turning the page because they know information not all the characters know.

Setting

The story takes place on a futuristic earth, which has recently been saved from an alien invasion. The unlikely savior is a boy named Ender Wiggin. In this society, gifted children are taken from their parents and raised and trained in Battle School. The selection process is very fastidious and only those who score extremely high are allowed to stay. They kids accepted are trained to become elite warriors at a young age. Now that the war is over, the nations of earth have gone back to squabbling. Political unrest resurfaces, and nations with long-held rivalries pit their armies and resources against one another for domination. The difference is that the young men and women who served with Ender Wiggin have returned to earth as heroes. In each of their nations, they rise to positions of prominence, and the once close-knit group known as Ender's Jeesh finds themselves pitted against one another as world leaders, or worse in a position where they must take sides. The fact that they trained and lived together gives them a level of insight and understanding uncommon in most battle scenarios. It goes deeper than family. They know how each other thinks. They are able to recognize



when changes have occurred and even as enemies they stay in touch. For instance, when Virlomi decides to invade China, Han Tzu emails Virlomi and her husband, Alai, to let them know the troop movements have not gone unnoticed. Virlomi, who is not a member of Ender's Jeesh, lashes out in anger, while Alai who is part of the Jeesh tells Han Tzu not to worry about it because things are not as they seem. By the end of the story, all the members of Ender's Jeesh work together to bring unity and peace to the world—a world in which they can't stay. By their very nature, ambition will lead them to conquer until only one remains. Instead, each of them takes up the offer to leave earth and to colonize one of the uninhabited planets left behind by the Hive Queens.

Language and Meaning

Orson Scott Card's effortless storytelling style weaves unique language and its meaning into the context effortlessly. An ansible is a communication device that can reach to the stars as if someone is talking on the telephone. This device will be used by Bean in his voyage to save his life as he travels at lightspeed to slow his aging process. The ansible is his only connection with the outside world and will be used to let him know when a cure has been found even if everyone he has ever known dies because it takes so long. It is also the device used by Peter to make amends with his younger brother, Ender, after decades and allows Ender to have enough information to write his brother's biography.

The term Jeesh as in Ender's Jeesh is Battle School's jargon for the group that trained under Ender Wiggin's leadership. It doesn't say how many student-soldiers made up the Jeesh by number; it is not a large group but the best of the best.

Probably the most difficult of terms in this story has to do with Anton's Key. It refers to a genetic modification that afflicts Julian Delphiki (Bean) and four of his children. In Bean's case, he was modified as an embryo, and half of his children have inherited the dominate trait. Those who have it are born prematurely; they show symptoms of high intelligence, and are very small for their age as children but self-sufficient. They always hunger to learn more but just like their hunger for knowledge and expanding their mind, their bodies are doomed to never stop growing. As adults they suffer from giantism. This condition will eventually kill them by age 20 or so because their heart can't meet the body's demands. Those who exhibit these symptoms are said to have Anton's Key turned, which is named after the man who discovered the genetic possibility for super-human genius.

Structure

The story starts right out by raising a question in the reader's mind. Why is Han Tzu, a war hero who belonged to Ender's Jeesh, wanted for treason? When he meets with Rackham who is part of the I.F., it shows that Han Tzu is still one of the good guys, and whoever is in charge of his country is the enemy. This scenario opens the door to place characters where they need to be for Act 1. Han Tzu becomes Emperor of China, Caliph



Alai oversees all Islam, Virlomi leads India, Vlad is in Russia and Bean and Petra are serving Peter Wiggen. This pits all the characters against one another for world domination.

By Act 2, all the members of Ender's Jeesh have been contacted and received an offer to leave earth—in the name of world peace. The offer is rejected by all, but then one by one when they see that Graff and Rackham are right about the outcome of their actions, they decide to leave—except for Han Tzu, Alai and his wife Virlomi. This conflict results in increasing dramatic tension, which peaks when an assassination attempt is made on Alai. He survives and makes a tape for his people saying that true Muslims are people of peace and invites them to join him on a colony ship as he plans to leave earth. Han Tzu joins with the FPE plan and defeats Virlomi and the Russians, but by the end of the battle, he realizes that his people don't need an Emperor, they need peace. So he, too, decides to leave earth as part of the colonization project.

In the last act a good amount of time has passed. Petra lives as Peter's wife in old age. They have children and grandchildren. Peter even makes amends with his younger brother Ender by ansible. But the questions left open for another book include: What happens to Bean and his genetically enhanced children? And what happens to the one child they couldn't find, who is also genetically enhanced and taken to a colony world? While the story does a good job of tying up plot threads, it definitely leaves quite a few open for a future book.

Quotes

"Because the mandate of heaven was always bestowed in blood and war." (P. 14).

"Turning around to face the open door, Han Tzu said, 'There is no one in this building with the authority to command me.'" (P. 20)

"Already she had found several places on the web where people were searching for 'lost' or 'kidnapped' embryos. She knew—the man who spoke to her had warned her—that these were likely to originate from Achilles's enemies, trolling for information that would lead them to...to her." (P. 27).

"She began making snotty little comments about Peter playing in his 'geopolitical sandbox' and 'outstrutting the heads of state.'" (P. 33)

"You're trying to use your office to make your office into 'dictator of the world.'" (P. 34).

"Wisdom said that I should announce to the world that the Hegemon had come to see the Caliph, and the Caliph refused to see him. But I told wisdom to be patient, and let Folly be my guide today in this garden." (P. 38)

"Instead, I stupidly allowed children of my deformed and self-destructive genes to be created in vitro and now Volescu has planed them in foreign wombs and I must find them before he and people like him can exploit them and use them up and then watch them die of giantism, like me, before they turn twenty." (P. 51).

"But your followers seem to think they conquered India rather than liberating us. You did not conquer India. You will never conquer India." (P. 65).

"Be true Muslims and go home to your families and live at peace, and let us live in peace with our own families, in our own land." (P. 66).

"'Peter, it's not about brains,' said Bean. 'It's about playing the hand you're dealt.'" (P. 68).

"Your goal is to establish a new order in which war between nations becomes impossible. But to get to that Utopian place, there's going to have to be enough war that people will know the thing they're desperate to avoid." (P. 69).

"Which is not to say that under the right pressure, at the right time, each proud nation of Europe might not trade sovereignty for safety." (P. 76).



"My point is: Having a Battle School graduate—particularly one of Ender's Jeesh—makes war more, not less, probable." (P. 90).

"Ender Wiggin did two great deeds for humanity. He wiped out the Buggers. And he never returned to earth." (P. 93).

"Bean saved Peter's whole enterprise by killing Achilles at great personal risk, and our son's memory is so short that he'll stop paying for the effort to rescue Bean's and Petra's children." (P. 123).

"'The dead of India are my children,' she said. 'they cannot make me unclean. Only the ones who murdered them are made filthy.'" (P. 127).

"'Come forth from your hiding place, O Caliph Alai, and own your work. Or if it is not your work, then repudiate it. Join me in grieving for the innocent.'" (P. 129).

"And the only way for that to happen is to have a world government that will maintain the liberal values he has created in his Rwanda—elections, individual rights, the rule of law, universal education, and no corruption." (P. 133).

"You'll never find them. Their mothers have been taught well. They'll mate before their giantism becomes obvious." (P. 137).

"Meanwhile, I suggest you keep in mind that our deal depends on you making Peter Hegemon in fact as well as name before you go." (P. 140).

"You're off the charts when it comes to ambition. Not quite like Peter, but close." (P. 167).

"Is peace to be founded on war after all? And if you did not have Julian Delphiki commanding 100,000 friendly African troops, would you attempt it?" (P. 185)

"'Alai isn't Achilles,' said Bean to Stefan. 'We're friends, and he won't let Muslim agents assassinate us.'" (P. 230).

"If we attack Han Tzu unprovoked, and it looks as if he might lose—or does lose—then we can expect the Muslim population of Europe to be expelled, and the nations of Europe will unite, probably with the United States, probably with Russia." (P. 252).

"So if I'm to be the ruler of the world—a good one—then I have to win that position in such a way as not to have to keep killing people in order to stay in power." (P. 270).

Topics for Discussion

1. Bean and four of his children were said to have Anton's Key turned. What is Anton's Key and what does it mean if it is turned?
2. After the capture of Volescu, what steps do Petra and Bean take to narrow the data and track down their babies' births among millions?
3. Bean plans to take the babies afflicted with his condition along with him on the starship without Petra or their normal babies. Why? And what is Petra's reaction?
4. What is the significance of Randi giving birth and raising Petra and Bean's missing child?
5. Peter Wiggin tells Rackham that Alai is doomed to die. Why does he say this and what facts support his opinion?
6. When Graff presents the members of Ender's Jeesh with an invitation to leave earth and join the colonization project, they turn him down. By the end of the story, all but Petra accept the invitation. What caused them to change their minds?
7. How does Virlomi differ from the members of Ender's Jeesh, and what does she have in common with them? And how does this affect the outcome of her character's role in the story?
8. In what ways does Bean differ from the other members of Ender's Jeesh. Explain.