

# **Soul of the Fire Study Guide**

## **Soul of the Fire by Terry Goodkind**

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## Plot Summary

"Soul of the Fire" is the fifth book in Terry Goodkind's series. At the start of the book, Richard and Kahlan are married and are enjoying their wedding night in the Mud People's village. However, some deaths occur in the village and Ann and Zedd's magic diminish. Although Zedd does not reveal the truth, they discover that it is actually the chimes. They discover that Emperor Jagang is gathering troops to bring destruction and Richard and Kahlan realize that they must stop the chimes. Ann and Zedd go on their own missions. Goodkind also depicts the events that happen in Anderith and at the Minister of Culture's estate.

Although Bertrand Chanboor is an instigator in many of the issues in his estate. Dalton Campbell, who works as the aide to the Minister of Culture, took some decisions in his own hands. Dalton treasures his wife and wants to provide well for her. Some of the local Hakens are also introduced, including Fitch, Beata, and Morley. In the end, Dalton betrays Fitch and we are later given a glimpse of the Anderith Army. When Zedd tried to banish the chimes first, he is turned into a raven.

A vote taken in Anderith shows that Richard is defeated. Ann finds the Sisters of Light, but they betray her and Ann is eventually able to sway one of the other Sisters. Campbell murders the Sovereign and Chanboor takes his rank as Sovereign. Chanboor ends up sleeping with Teresa, Dalton's wife and he is upset by the betrayal. Campbell kills an emissary of the Imperial Order. Kahlan is attacked and near death and there is spell cast.

Richard realizes that the chimes and the Dominie Dirtch are somehow connected and that Joseph Ander enslaved the chimes. He uses this to his advantage. du Chaillu stops Richard from healing Kahlan and names her baby after Cara. Richard decides to take Kahlan to let her heal from her wounds. Dalton apologizes and also explains that they are stricken with an unfortunate and incurable venereal disease and will soon die. He returns the Sword of Truth to Richard.



# Chapters 1 to 4

## Chapters 1 to 4 Summary and Analysis

In the Chapter 1, the book opens with a discussion about what is bothering the chickens. Richard wonders what is bothering them and Kahlan wonders if Richard's grandfather is pestering them or wonders if they are grouchy because they were kept up at night.

The village children had probably been chasing the chickens from their roost.

The house smelled like basalm sticks, roasted peppers and onions.

There was the sound of the drums and the boldas and there seemed to be a haunting melody and welcomed ancestors to the celebration.

Lord Rahl is asked if he is already bored with his wife and they realize that it was not just a dream.

Kahlan was glad that they were both able to laugh again and she thought it was a dream come true.

Kahlan had realized some time ago in the Mud People's spirit house that she was in love with him, but she needed to keep her feelings a secret. It was at that time that they were accepted into the community. During another visit, Richard broke the spell of prohibition and asked her to be his wife.

Their love and their wedding brought a formal joining of the Midlands and the D'Hara. If they were married elsewhere, they would have had a pageant of splendor and she preferred the joyous wedding with the people who bonded them over a cold ceremony.

The Mud People led hard lives and celebrations were rare opportunities, but they feasted, danced, and told stories. Kahlan did not know of another time that another was accepted by the Mud People and that such a wedding was unprecedented.

Kahlan believed that this would become a part of their story and that their story would be repeated in future gatherings by dancers in costumes with painted faces.

Richard wants to see what Zedd is doing and Kahlan playfully teases him that he is bored with her. Richard watches the door and claims that he smells blood. Kahlan assures him that they would know if there was trouble and that they are being guarded and that nobody could get past the hunters of the Mud People without being seen.

Richard admits that he has not been able to let himself relax.



Kahland had power and authority most of her life and was disciplined in obligation and responsibility since her youth. She was educated in possible threats and was called upon to have an alliance of the Midlands. Richard grew up differently and fulfilled his passion for his homeland by becoming a guide. Turmoil and destiny brought about his new life as a leader and vigilance was his ally.

Kahlan noticed that he felt for his sword even though he needed to travel to the village without it.

The Sword of Truth was a talisman and as the Seeker of Truth, he was the real weapon. It was merely a symbol of his post, like her white dress was a symbol.

He traces her jaw line with his finger and they talk about their marriage and they talked about how it feels to be married. He puts a piece of bread in her mouth. Tava bread is made from tava roots and is a staple among the Mud People. The bread is served at almost every meal.

Richard said he wished they could stay there forever and she understood what he meant.

They talk about his father and how there are things he needs to teach him and Richard talks about how he was more than a simple man. Kahlan says he was protecting him and that he will now be a comfort and aid through his counsel.

Kahlan contemplated that if she had delayed speaking three words, Richard would have been dead. She banished the memory.

The three chimes are supposed to be simple. There are ancient symbols on his wristbands.

They talk about going to warm springs. Kahlan tells him she can wait to go if he wants to talk to Zedd, but he says that it can wait and that he would like to be alone with her too.

Richard opened the door and she could smell the aroma of food and village cook fires. The buildings like the spirit house were used for communal purposes and some were only used by elders or hunters. Men never crossed the threshold of the women's buildings.

The Mud People buried their dead. Using wood for the pyre was impractical. Wood was supplemented with dried dung for cook fires and bonfires like the one for the wedding ceremony were rare and considered a treat.

The village had an empty feeling to it and the drums and boldas affected the mood of the village. The voices made it seem haunted.

There was a blood chicken carcass laying outside on the ground.



In Chapter 2, Kahlan asks if it was a hawk that bothered the chickens, but he checked the sky and considered it was most likely a weasel or fox after a chicken.

Cara wore a skintight, red leather outfit and went towards them. Her Agiel was around her wrist on a chain and was a gruesome weapon. Kahlan knew that Cara would have preferred to be close to them, but she gave them privacy from a distance and kept others away too. Kahlan knew Cara's commitment to them and appreciated her gift of distance.

Cara had frightened off the predator of the chickens. Richard asks if Zedd returned to see them, but she says he brought food and wishes to see them when they are ready.

Cara says she will wash his back, but Richard says that she will watch it, not wash it and Carla smiles and claims that it sounds fun too. Kahlan understood that Cara enjoyed flustering Richard and she and her sister, Mord-Sith were both openly irreverent.

The Mord-Sith were an ancient sect of protectors and shared the ruthless confidence. Their training was savage, merciless, and remorseless. Kahlan grew up knowing little of D'Hara and was born in Westland. Richard was swept up in a fight and killed Darken Rahl, a tyrannical leader.

Richard did not know Rahl's true background, that he raped his mother and sired him. Richard thought that George Cypher raised him and kept the secret to protect his daughter and grandson. Richard discovered the truth after he killed Darken Rahl.

Richard did not know much about what he inherited and assumed rule because of the threat of a larger war. If the rule was not stopped, the Imperial Order would have been enslaved.

Richard freed the Mord-Sith and allowed them to exercise freedom by choosing to be his protectors.

Richard wore an Agiel on a thong around his neck as a sign of respect for two women who died protecting him. Despite this reverence, they still teased him.

Lord Rahl, Richard's father would have tortured and killed them for such a breach. Kahlan believed that their irreverence served as a reminder that they served by choice and that because of their freedom they were able to express their odd sense of humor. Richard's restraint only encouraged their jabs.

Richard said she should wait there, but Kahlan knew that there was not much of a chance of it and Cara followed them.

They were soon joined by hunters with poison arrows and Chandalen's men were protectors of the Mud People. Kahlan slapped their faces as a gesture of respect for their strength.



Richard saw two of the four hunters and Kahlan had not seen any. She shuddered as they were able to become invisible at will and was grateful that they watched over their safety.

Zedd and Ann were at the southeast portion of the village, so they stayed to the west and then proceeded south.

Kahlan couldn't understand how the children could stand the cold air of the morning without clothing.

As they continued, they were spotted by Chandalen, the fiercest hunter who was dressed in a buckskin and was one of the six elders of the village. The term "elder" was a term of respect and did not reflect his age.

Chandalen claims that the Mother Confessor would have chosen Chandalen as her husband if he had not married her. Before Kahlan went to Westland seeking help, Darken Rahl murdered the other Confessors. Kahlan was the last of her kind. No confessor before Kahlan married for love because her touch would destroy the love. Confessors chose her mate for strength that he would bring to her daughters and she took him with her power. Chandalen did not indent any offense and Richard said he was happy to have taken the job.

Richard became more serious and brought up the chicken. One young guard tried to spot the animal, but was not able to.

The Bird Man, who conducted their ceremony, looked their way and it would have been inconsiderate to not give their greeting and they went towards him to greet him.

The bonfires still burned in the clearing and people huddled around them and were entranced. Bonfires symbolized a joyous celebration of a gathering of the spirit ancestors. For children, they were a source of wonder and delight.

The young people were normally shy, but asked questions of Kahlan and the young men followed Richard around.

Richard was awed by Bird Man's display. He wore bucksin pants and a tunic. He had long silver hair and a leather thong with a bone whistle to call any bird he desired.

Kahlan knew that the Bird Man relied on signs from birds, but also thought he could read her mind. People in cities of the Midlands thought that the people in the wild, such as the Mud People, were savages and worshipped strange things and had ignorant beliefs. Kahlan understood that they held a simple wisdom and knew the world around them, such as predicting the weather.

Kahlan mentions their desire to go to the springs and he agrees, but also warns them that the warmth they get from the springs may be washed away from the rain.



The man whispers something to her and the men frowned. She was not sure if she heard him correctly and Richard wonders what he said. Kahlan thinks he may have had too much to drink. "He says that that one there"-she pointed-"is not a chicken."

Chapter 3 begins with Kahlan and Richard in the deep water and Kahlan thinks of water in a provocative way. They found a perfect spot among a web of streams and the water was warm enough for their liking.

Kahlan watches a harrier hawk and feels a little sorrow, knowing a life will be snatched up as they enjoy themselves. Off in the grasslands are six hunters and Cara circles the perimeter. They both had a role of protector and had serious duty.

Kahlan says that their wedding was the best she could have imagined and Richard kisses her head, saying he will never forget any of it.

Richard seems to be brooding and they could not forget their responsibilities. There were armies waiting for orders, officials and diplomats waiting for an audience, and Kahlan knew that not everyone would be eager to join the fight for freedom. Some believed that tyranny had an appeal.

Emperor Jagang and his Imperial Order would not wait.

Shota, the witch woman, appeared at their wedding and gave Kahlan a necklace with a dark stone and delicate gold. Shota said it would prevent them from conceiving a child and Shota warned them of the consequences of having a child and vowed to not allow a son of theirs to live.

Kahlan started to understand Shota a little better and they reached an understanding. The necklace was a symbol of peace as an alternative to Shota destroying their offspring.

Kahlan looked at the sky and noticed the clouds.

Richard asked about the chicken. Kahlan says that she thinks he has been celebrating too much. She doesn't understand why he is focused on the chicken and he weighs her words and is quiet.

Something seems to move in the water and even though Richard says it is nothing, she can't seem to believe it. She wonders if it was a snake and Richard makes a joke about being jumpy when swimming with a naked woman. She doesn't really like the joke. Richard jumps to his feet and shoves her in the water, then snatches his knife and crouches down.

Kahlan says that it is Cara and the Mord Sith comes at a dead run and charges through the grass. Richard throws her a blanket and Kahlan can see the Agiel,

which could give pain or even kill. This torture created a profound pain, which was part of a paradox.





Cara says she is not sure who it is and they both get dressed.

There was not much danger to a Confessor from one man and there was no defense against her power. Richard was more vulnerable without his sword than Kahlan.

A person touched by the power of a Confessor was lost to himself. Kahlan knows how to use her magic and her being the Mother Confessor shows that.

The blood from Cara's head makes Kahlan keep going. Cara has been both a protector and a friend.

Something has happened to Juni, as he must have fallen and struck his head, but they are not entirely sure what happened. They only just found him and he has been there for a while. Kahlan looks at Cara's wound and it did not look too bad. Cara dismisses Richard, but allows Kahlan to pour water over her wound.

Cara seems unsteady and explains that Juni sat by the water watching something and she thought he left his post to catch a fish and he charged ahead and Cara's feet slipped out from beneath him. Cara thinks it was wrong to trust him.

The rest of the hunters appear and they listen to what happened. They were dumbfounded as Chandalen's men did not leave their post of protecting people to chase down a fish.

Kahlan said he must have tripped and fallen and then drowned face down in the water. Richard disagrees and looks at his knees and his elbows and his head. He says it looks like he drowned, but it is not clear why. The hunters come and squat beside their comrade with compassion and sorrow.

Cara did not understand why he would have left his guard duty and leave his weapons.

Richard wonders what he was chasing and what put that look in his eyes.

In Chapter 4, Richard, Cara, and Kahlan leave the building where Juni's body has been laid out for burial preparation. The building was made of thick walls, mud brick over clay, and a grass thatch. The buildings were all drab. Herbs were offerings for evil spirits.

Some people rushed past in tears. Kahlan felt worse to leave Juni's body. Nissel, an old healer, inspected the body and concluded that Juni drowned. She believes Juni's death has been caused by evil spirits. The Mud People believe that evil spirits come to claim a life to recompense for wrong doing. Chandalen and the hunters believe Nissel and Nissel did not have time to speculate about transgressions. Nissel went to deliver a baby.

Kahlan traveled quite a bit as a Confessor and though many were secluded, distrustful and powerful, nobody closed its borders to a Confessor. Confessors maintained honesty, even if rulers did not want it to be so. Confessors were advocates before the council for those who did not have a voice. The Mud People wanted to be left alone and



were distrustful. Kahlan wanted to make sure their wishes were respected. A Mother Confessor's word before a council was law and was also final.

Kahlan studied their language and their beliefs. She studied their governance, faith, food, arts, habits of the Mud People and others in the Midlands. She knew of their practices for the spirits, including that the buildings were left for the use of evil spirits, represented by clay figures.

A storm began. Kahlan was glad for the rain as it would put out the joyful fires. Richard carried Juni the whole way back out of respect because Juni died while protecting Richard and Kahlan. Cara believes that Juni went from being a protector to being a threat. Cara wanted to be prepared the next time someone transformed. Richard argued with Cara about it and the hunters did not understand, but saw the emotion and did not ask for a translation.

Richard let the issue drop as she was probably feeling guilty. Cara took point and led them to Zedd and Ann. Kahlan felt uneasy and Richard felt anxious too. Richard feels like someone is watching them.

They enter the building and there is a small fire burning and candles line the shelf. Nobody is in the front room. Kahlan had seen ancient emblems that represent the Creator and it was a comforting talisman of her childhood.

The wizards were all dead and all but one gave their lives for her to help stop Darken Rahl. Cara looks at the drawing on the floor and Kahlan says it's called a Grace. A chicken darts around the room and is terrified.

Zedd comes through the doorway. He has white hair and robes with black sleeves. Zedd is a wizard and his outfit is bizarre and his clothing had often been a disguise.

Richard comments on Zedd's clothes and Zedd comments on the gold buckle.

Ann enters the room in a dark wool dress that showed her authority. Ann is the leader of the Sisters of the Light. She is a sorceress from the Old World.

Zedd comments on Richard's clothes as well, which he found in the Wizard's Keep. Richard looked both noble and sinister and the embodiment of the name given by prophecies, "the bringer of death." Kahlan knew that he had a kind and generous heart.

The 5 of them discuss Juni's death and the possible cause, including the possibility of evil spirits. Kahlan explains their belief of evil spirits.

The storm continues outside.

Ann questions Kahlan about what makes a good wedding. She understood why Zedd found Ann vexing and Richard came to Kahlan's rescue. They talk about prayers for their mothers. Kahlan realizes that Richard learned to deal with Ann and she understands what Richard means. They talk about the nature of the offering.



They ask Cara about killing evil spirits. Richard becomes transfixed by the Grace while speaking. Richard asks about the Grace. Zedd says that the grace is invaluable and complex. Richard's gift was an enigma to him and Richard needed to know more about the birthright to understand his power. Kahlan wished she and Richard had more time. Richard asks why Ann and the Sisters of the Light did not teach him more when they had the chance.

Ann says that prudence was required and that ignorance is also dangerous.



# Chapter 5 to 8

## Chapter 5 to 8 Summary and Analysis

Zedd claims that he would have taught Richard about the Grace, but that they have been separated. Richard starts to relax.

Zedd focuses his attention and traces the symbol drawn on the ground. He explains the meaning of the symbol.

The outer circle represents the beginning of the underworld. Grace starts there, out of nothing. There is a square inside and an eight pointed star. The square represents the outer circle of the spirit world and the limits of the world of life. The star represents the Light the Creator and the rays of magic.

His silver wristband has strange symbols and a small Grace on each. Kahlan had not notices the Grace on the bands.

The Grace depicts the continuum of the gift represented by the rays, which depict the Creator, life, death's crossing, veil of eternity, and the underworld. It is also a symbol of hope.

Richard surprises Zedd with his knowledge of the emblems. He uses the term jargon and Zedd restrains himself and talks about how Grace can invoke alchemy of consequence. He mentions fatal grace and Kahlan does not understand what he is referring to. Richard again seems to be in another place as though he is considering a dark dilemma. She realized that he believed there was something serious going on.

Zedd had never heard of such a thing as fatal grace and asks Richard about it. Richard says he read it somewhere.

Richard asks if he can put another boundary to stop the war. Zedd says Richard will be a good wizard as he wants to try to stop suffering and prevent harm.

Zedd says he can't do it again. It was a spell of threes, which is a powerful spell. Zedd says he knew what he was doing and that he knew his abilities and limitations.

Richard says something about there being two boundaries and Zedd tells the story.

The first he used to learn how to work the spell, the second to separate the Midlands and D'Hara to stop the war, and then he partitioned off Westland to prevent an uprising.

The world of magic seems grim and dark to Kahlan.

Almost a year had passed since the boundaries were brought down and faded away to join the lands again. Richard's idea would not work. They could not



cordon off the Old World to prevent war from coming into the New World.

Ann asks if they know where Nathan, a prophet is. Kahlan says the last time she saw him was when they saved Richard's life together. He gave her the book from the Temple of the Winds and gave her the words of magic so she could save him from the plague.

Ann asks where it is and Kahlan says its somewhere in the Old World where Sister Verna was. Nathan just saw her murdered and he said prophecy overwhelms our attempt to outit it and that we sometimes think we are more clever than we actually are.

Nathan left with two of his men, Walsh and Bollesdun and that Richard would have his title of Lord Rahl.

Zedd wants to know of everything that has happened for Richard since they saw one another last. All the details are important.

Richard says they must return to Aydindril.

Richard says that Zedd may come to Aydindril to visit, but they cannot go with Richard, Kahlan and Cara. They will use the sliph to travel. The sliph was created by wizards in the war. She was a woman and can travel great distances quickly.

Kahlan says that Ann and Zedd may not go with because dictates protect it. Richard may not travel with his sword because the magic is incompatible with the sliph's magic.

Ann and Zed would die in the sliph because they need some Subtractive Magic.

Zedd loses track, not understanding that they have been using Subtractive Magic.

Richard sends her to sleep by touching the wristbands together on the Graces. Ann's face goes white and she and Zedd are upset because he is using the Graces and does not understand what he is messing with.

They talk about Jagang invading someone's mind and entrenching himself there without their knowledge.

Alric Rahl is the reason the protection works. Alric created a spell to protect those sworn to him from dream walkers.

Marlin was killed by the Mother Confessor.

A soul is needed for a dream walker to invade the mind, otherwise it will not work. It would not work for a rock.

Richard says "Then it's not Jagang." Kahlan does not understand Richard's reasoning.

In Chapter 6, Richard does not answer Zedd's question about what is not jagang and instead seems to be thinking of something else. Richard asks if Jedd if the chimes were taken care of and claims it is a simple matter. Ann seems to become annoyed.



Richard says something about Kolo saying the chimes are a simple weapon.

Zedd asks Richard who Kolo is and Richard gets up and goes to the window. Kahlan explains that there is a journal that Richard found in the Keep written by High D'Haran and that he and Berdine have translated some of it. They don't know the name of the wizard at the Keep, so they call him Kolo, which means "strong advisor."

Zedd seems to be suspicious of Richard and asks where the journal was found. Richard says that it was in the sliph's room in the big tower. Zedd asks if that is the room that was sealed. Richard asks again about the chimes being here, as in in this world.

The chimes are some vexatious creatures, according to Zedd, but Ann says that they are catastrophic. Kahlan becomes anxious because she called the names of the three chimes to save Richard's life. She did not know what they meant. She knew that without saying their names, Richard would have died.

Zedd dismissed Kahlan's fears and says they are troublesome. Richard asks why he knows they are not there. He explains they are a work of threes, Reechani, Sentrosi, Vasi. Ann, Richard, and Zedd can say their names without ill effect, but Kahlan cannot because she has magic powerful enough to summon their aid. The chimes can ride her magic. The names of the chimes are supposed to remain a secret.

Richard again questions if they can be there, but Zedd explains that there are safeguards, including that Kahlan would need to be Richard's third wife.

Richard becomes relieved, but does explain that Kahlan is his second wife. Zedd doesn't understand because he has not loved anyone, but Kahlan. Richard explains that in order to get into the Temple of the Winds, he needed to marry a woman named Nadine.

Nadine was a nice girl and was going to be a healer. She died after the ceremony. Richard had been explicit that there was nothing between them, but she still continued the scheme with Richard.

Kahlan could not pretend to pity Nadine.

Kahlan's face is red and Zedd asks why. Kahlan changes the subject that she was not yet married to Richard when she invoked the chimes. Ann says it is even better because it removes a stepping stone from the chimes.

Richard takes Kahlan's hand and says it might not be completely true because they had a vow of commitment to one another for him to get into the temple. Ann agrees. Zedd says their story is more and more complicated each time they speak.

Zedd asks why Richard wants to return so quickly. He says that if the Jagang would get his hands on the magic in the Wizard's Keep, it would be disastrous. Zedd would be the best for protection, but Kahlan and Richard would be better than nothing.



Amelia is mentioned. Amelia is a Sister of the Dark and Cara explained that Kahlan killed her too. Cara grins like a proud sister, but Kahlan claims it was nothing more than an act of desperation.

The wrong person summoning the chimes can cause misfortune. The chimes have no soul. They are creatures of the underworld. They can kill and end magic. Richard asks for clarification about what impact the chimes can have on those like the Mud People.

The rain continues on outside.

They cannot answer Richard's question, as there has not been a precedent to rely on regarding the chimes. They fear that it could be worse.

The highlands are referred to as being a bleak wasteland and a windy, desolate place.

The paka grows strong on contaminates from the water. They discuss the impact on the land, such as plants perishing and crops becoming tainted or poisoned. For instance, if rivers were tainted, everything downriver would be affected. Fish, livestock, and crops would be affected and prices would go up. Civil unrest would increase and it could become a widespread calamity.

They talk about the gambit moth and the impact that its death would have. All magic would end and power would be lost. Kahlan would lose her magic too.

They bring their focus away from the chimes and back to Jagang.

Richard asks if the chimes could be stopped and then goes back over to the window. Zedd asks what is going on with Richard and Kahlan says that they would not believe her. There is the wail of a child outside and Richard rushes out with everyone following.

In Chapter 7, they run through the passages and the rain continued to pour down. Hunters appeared beside them. They came across a woman who looked frightened and she asks what they want with them. Kahlan explains they were concerned for the boy and came to help. The woman showed the cuts and explains he was being a boy. Richard asks how it happened and she explains that it was a chicken. Richard questions if he was actually teasing them, since some of the claw marks were around his neck.

Zedd offers to heal the boy and then Kahlan asks if Richard is concerned about what the Bird Man said.

Kahlan tries to calm Richard and talks about how they both feel bad about Juni. Richard wants her to ask if he was teasing the chicken. The boy explains that the chicken attacked him, even though he will be a brave hunter like his father. The boy claims he was hungry and was coming home and the chicken was hunting him. The woman says her son makes up stories all the time. Richard asks for Kahlan to translate something, but she changes it to not offend.



Zedd takes Kahlan and allows Richard to lead the way and asks what it is that Zedd would not believe. Kahlan explains that it Richard seems to be over some wild ideas. Zedd explains that he has not yet buried the idea, whatever it is.

Cara walks in front of Richard and is protective of them.

Ann makes small talk with Richard.

Kahlan says that Richard might believe a chicken monster is on the loose. When they arrived, two women were decorating Juni's body. Bodies were not prepared at night because it might prevent the soul from attaining peace. The dead among the Mud People are supposed to be buried people.

The women bowed and stepped back and took their pots of black and white and moved them out of the way. Zedd and Ann conduct the examination and Kahlan says that the two women are doing a fine job and Richard went with Kahlan.

They talked about the possibility of his drowning and that he possibly passed out from being ill. Nissel enters the room and carries the newborn baby and says that the child was born dead. Nissel says she saw no problem, but that the baby was stillborn.

They will bury both the hunter and the baby the next day and they leave the building. Richard wants to gather up all of the chickens. Richard believes that the chickens have something to do with the death of Juni and the attack on the child. Richard wants the Bird Man to point out which one is not a chicken and believes that one of the chickens is possessed by the spirit that killed Juni.

Kahlan knows that the Mud People will believe it and looks to Zedd for counsel, but neither he nor Ann had anything to offer. Richard would not give up.

In Chapter 8, Kahlan saw Chandalen shuffling through the throng of chickens. Most of the Mud People's chickens were Barred Rocks and was a more docile breed than the others. Chandalen mutters an apology to the birds. A coiled troga hung from Chandalen's hook. This was a wire that could be dropped over a man's head.

Kahlan once saw Chandalen decapitate sentries and soldiers with the troga.

Kahlan explains that the Bird Man has not yet found the chicken that is not a chicken. Chandalen is called away because there are men with swords. Kahlan wants to go with Chandalen, but he tells them to stay and enjoy their first day together as newlyweds. The Bird Man gives a warning that there are wicked spirits about.

Kahlan does not understand Richard's reasoning, but trusts his instinct. Chandalen says that he is too strong and too smart for trouble to catch him.

The Bird Man explains that the Mud People act out stories of their people, but women do not dance them, only men. She says that she would know that it was not a woman. The Bird Man then explains that he knows it is not a chicken.





He smiles at her unpaired judgment when she suggests that he sleep on it and says he will send for her when they find the chicken.

Richard looks frantic when they have gathered most of the chickens and asks if they know of a book called "Mountain's Twin." He doesn't explain why the book is important and says he needs to look at the rest of the chickens.

A book that Ann carried contained ancient magic and that it was a journey book. When journey books were paired, a message automatically appeared in its twin. This was how the Sisters of the Light communicated with one another when traveling.

Zedd decides to check on the woman who lost her baby in order to help her get some rest.

Kahlan asks if Richard wants to eat, but Richard gestures for her to go with him.

Ann mentions how it must be good to be a Confessor who marries for love. Ann expresses her joy that they were able to marry. Ann talks about how it must be disappointed for Kahlan to be ignored by Richard, especially as his new wife. Kahlan expresses an understanding that Zedd left because they were supposed to have a talk as women.

Ann says that a man's character is shown by his attraction to intelligence.

Kahlan says that she knows Richard is not trying to upset her on purpose, but that it was not how she imagined their first day being married. She believes he is focused on protecting her and is inventing trouble. Ann is sympathetic and says Richard loves her and does not understand Richard's reasoning.

Kahlan talks about needing to give Richard over to the Sisters of the Light and that he needed to betray him to get him to go.

Ann says that perhaps she must prove herself to Kahlan.

Ann talks about the Palace of Prophets and that she lived at the palace under its spell for over 900 years. Ann also traveled to see Richard when he was a newborn and the mother was grateful for the balance of gift given from brutality under Darken Rahl. Richard's mother was full of hopes and dreams for him. Nathan and Ann took Richard's stepfather to recover the Book of Counted Shadows so he can have the knowledge to save himself and Ann refers to the prophecy.

Richard is a war wizard and that faith requires great spiritual effort, especially to keep the Grace intact.

Ann points out that Richard let Nathan escape and that Nathan is dangerous. Nathan is the one who gave Kahlan the names of the chimes, even though it could have brought all to ruin. Kahlan points out that it also saved Richard.



When Richard destroyed the palace, he also destroyed the spell and the Sisters of Light will age like others. Richard took hundreds of years from the Sisters of Light.

Ann says she helped him destroy the palace because it goes beyond her narrow interests. Kahlan says that Ann seems to look at Richard as a new tool for her use, but that he is a man who wants to do right and has wants and needs. Ann says that Kahlan has misunderstood and that it is his value (instincts, curiosity, heart, and mind) and that their aim is not to direct, but to follow the path that Richard takes.

Kahlan knew the benevolence of his actions and the need for such actions. Kahlan watches the chickens. Richard's actions can be frustrating. Ann says that she and Zedd have noticed a change in their magic. Ann asks if she has seen a change and Kahlan says that it is the same.

Ann asks Kahlan not to badger Richard that he give her attention, even though that is what she wants. Kahlan agrees not to meddle. Cara has been waiting for Kahlan and says she will take her to Richard and that he always knows where he is and Kahlan is slightly envious of it.

Cara steers them another way and Kahlan wishes that she was again in the warm bath of the morning, then she remembered Juni and reconsidered. Kahlan believed that there were more important things happening.

The bonfire was still burning, which was strange given the rain that day. Richard watches the fire.

Richard says something about Sentrosi. They discuss the chimes. Zedd warns Kahlan not to speak the name of the second chime. There is the meaning of fire.



# Chapters 9 to 12

## Chapters 9 to 12 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 9, Kahlan sits up in bed and realizes that Richard is not beside her. They went to bed late and Richard must have gone outside. Heavy rain continued. Richard once used the spirit house to teach the Mud People to make tile roofs instead of grass roofs, which leaked. Kahlan was grateful for a dry place to stay.

Kahlan hoped Richard was settling down over Juni's death and the chickens. Both Richard and the Bird Man looked at the chickens and could not find one that was not a chicken.

Zedd and Ann were not happy with Richard. Richard had not thought about having caught something from the underworld. Zedd tried to educate Richard. Richard Rahl, who was the Master of the D'Haran empire was quiet as his grandfather paced and taught him and offered him some admonishment.

Ann says that she received a reply in the journey book. Verna wrote that it was a book of prophecy and had been in Jagang's instruction. Per Nathan's instruction, Verna and Warren destroyed the book. The only book they left was The Book of Inversion and Duplex.

By the time they got to bed, Richard did not want to make love and she was not unhappy about it after the long day. They were in no mood to be intimate even though it was their second night together.

Kahlan wanted Richard to return, to kiss him and say she loves him. She then realized that he had put his part of the blanket on top of her. She did not understand this. It was a long day and they would have a long journey ahead of them.

Kahlan lit a candle and put on some wet clothes. She decided she would also give him a lecture and would insist on his coming back to bed.

She wondered if he was again searching for the chicken. Richard claimed that the chicken had a dark mark on the right side of its beak and the one the Bird Man pointed out had the same one.

Richard had not made the connection until later, but that none of the chickens they caught had such a mark. Kahlan suggested that it was mud. Kahlan starts to go out and Cara had gone to bed, but the hunters gathered around. None of them saw Richard leave and they say he is almost like a spirit.

In their first meeting on the plains, Kahlan brought him to meet the Mud People and Richard misunderstood the slap, which is a greeting. He honored their strength and made a friend, but also earned a nickname called "Richard with the Temper."



Kahlan says she wants to find them and tells them to go look for him and tell him to return. She asked for their help or said she would go search alone. It came to her that she might be searching alone since nobody believed him.

If some back in Aydindril would have seen her barefoot in mud, they would have fainted.

She wondered where he went and if he went to see Juni and the baby to grieve. It is something Richard would have done so she goes to check into it and could taste the smell of death. She looks at the dead baby, a lifeless form. Although she saw many dead bodies, the death of the unnamed child made her weep.

Suddenly, something disturbed her prayer and she noticed that on Juni's chest, there was a chicken pecking out Juni's eyes.

In Chapter 10, Kahlan wanted to chase the chicken away, but she couldn't and the chicken dug in and kept pecking at the dead flesh. When Kahlan tried to shoo the chicken away, it let out a cackle that did not sound like a chicken and in her heart, she knew that it was not a chicken, despite its appearance.

It looked like a chicken, but was actually evil manifest. She closed her shirt at her throat and wondered if she should use her Confessor's power. Her magic destroyed the essence of a person and created a void. There was no possibility of immunity to the touch of a Confessor.

Her power was a weapon of defense, but could only work on people.

The chicken went towards her and as it went to the bathroom, it also spurted feces on Juni's face. She wanted to get out and the chicken jumped off of Juni.

Kahlan tried to reason how to get and remembered that Richard said that Juni spat at the chicken. She didn't want to make the same mistake and she might end up dead. She started to weight her choices and then felt something on her toes. She noticed that there were bugs covering her feet.

The chicken went back and jumped on Juni. The chicken said "Mother" and then she shuffled towards the door. She calls to the chicken and says she does not mean any disrespect and that it should continue its business. She decides not to underestimate the chicken.

Kahlan tries not to cry and realizes that she must have gotten turned around. Kahlan took a deep breath and tried not to panic. She gathered her senses and stayed calm. She wanted to escape the house of death.

She did not know where the chicken went and she hoped it was again pecking at Juni's eyes. Kahlan covered her eyes to avoid having the chicken peck her eyes out. She would have been blind and helpless.



The chicken pecks her head and eats a bug. She thanks the chicken and says that the chicken only startled her. The chicken then tugged, as though it was asking her to remove her hands. She no longer doubted Richard or the Bird Man.

Kahlan moved her hand away and spoke to the chicken. Richard burst through the door and tries to go after the chicken. Richard shoots the chicken with his bow and arrow. The chicken is gone and in the middle of the passage, there is a bloody arrow.

The roof where the dead were prepared goes up in flames. Kahlan explains that she had a candle, but Richard believes it was lightning. Kahlan felt an angry heat against the face.

The hunters say that Richard with the Temper shot the evil spirit and chased it away.

Richard says that it is the chimes and Zedd says it is not a chicken and Kahlan says that it addressed her by title.

Zedd says it is a grave trouble, but that it is not the chimes.

Kahlan insists that it was and then Zedd explains that it was a Lurk. Zedd says that he and Ann have verified it to confirm their suspicion.

Jagang has Sisters of the Dark. A lurk is conjured from the underworld.

The Lurk is gone and will not return soon. Jagang was clumsy. Richard asks how Jagang and then is interrupted with the prompt to get some rest.

Richard soon slipped his arm around Kahlan's waist and pulled her close.

In Chapter 11, Kahlan wakes up when Richard sits up and Cara knocks at the door stating that it was not a bad dream and that Cara was banging on the door. The healer sent Cara to get Richard because Zedd and Ann are sick. Richard questions how sick they are, but Cara says she does not know.

Kahlan says that they will be right out and they get dressed right away. Kahlan asks if it is from the Lurk, but Richard says not to allow fear to take over and that they will soon know.

Cara's red leather outfit looked like it was clean and it was a sign of the presence of a Mord-Sith.

Cara comments on the adventure that they had the previous night. It is clear that Cara was not pleased that they struck out on their own and put themselves in danger.

Kahlan says that she found the chicken that is not a chicken. The night before, Richard was looking for the chicken when he heard Kahlan's voice coming from the place where Juni's body was. She thought he would say something about her lack of faith in him, but he didn't. Kahlan apologized for giving him a hard time and he thanked the good spirits



for protecting her. Kahlan was sure she would not be able to fall asleep with the thought of the chicken, but with Richard's warmth, she fell asleep in a few minutes.

Cara asks about the chicken and how it was clear that it was not a chicken. Richard says that there was something that made the hair on his neck stand on end and Kahlan says that there was evil in its eyes. Cara says that it probably needed to lay an egg, but then Kahlan says that it addressed her by the term "Mother."

When they arrive, Nissel rises and is heating aromatic herbs. They ask what is wrong, but Nissel is not sure. Nissel notes Richard's impatience. Kahlan asks about what is happening and Nissel points to one of the lines on the Grace that represents magic. Cara does not know much about magic, aside from the fact that she does not like it and that she feared magic. There was an invocation that was meant to protect him and the soldiers. "It was almost as if they believed their duty was to protect his body so that in return he could protect their souls."

There is a paradox that there is a bond between Mord-Sith and their Lord Rahl, which is why the Agiel was important. Other than a Confessor's magic, there was no magic able to withstand the ability of a Mord-Sith.

There are lines drawn in blood, which means that they are not practice symbols like the Grace in the outer room. Kahlan grabbed Richard and told him not step on them. Richard nodded and moved further into the room. Both Zed and Ann lay down, covered to their chins with wool blankets.

Zedd says that they are feeling tired out, but then he stops talking and Ann threatens to tell him. Zedd says that their magic is going away. Richard asks if it is the chimes, but Ann says it is the Sisters of the Dark and that they conjured the chicken and that in conjuring the Lurk, they brought a degeneration of magic. Zedd says that it could be intentional or accidental, but Richard says that it could not be accidental.

Kahlan says that she thought they could counter it, but Ann says it used their strength. Richard asks why it has not affected them and Ann explains that their power will soon fail too. Kahlan's power will be lost too and she will be defenseless. Richard seems to grow angry, stating that they said they could counter it and that they must be able to do something.

Zedd says there is something that can be done and Zedd states in the Keep, but does not describe what he needs. Richard presses Zed for what he needs. Zedd says something about water and Nissel hands him a warm cup and says it will give him strength. Ned and Ann share the cup between them. Kahlan requests more tea for them and says it is helping them feel better. Ned says that there is a spell of great power in the Keep. Richard asks if Ned needs the spell.

Zedd explains that he cannot predict what will happen because what is happening is unprecedented, but he makes Richard promise that he will go to the keep. Zedd rests and also tells Richard that it is important, but not important enough for them to be reckless.



Zedd says they should keep away from fire and from water. Zedd tells Cara to watch over Richard and that they should all keep each other safe. They plan to meet again at the keep. Richard takes a minute to ask about his grandmother, Erilyn. Zedd says she was a wonderful woman who was captured and that she was on the verge of dying when Zedd found her. He tried to nurse her back to health, but the spell was sinister and his healing touch killed her.

Zedd tells them to return right away to Aydindril so they can join them and Zedd will tell Richard more.

In Chapter 12, Fitch goes to see what the kitchen master wants even though Master Drummond mocked him with an epithet. Fitch knocked over a vessel, but was able to put it back before it fell to the floor. Drummond says that Fitch is a clumsy scullion and then gives him orders to get wood, apples and a cauldron. Fitch does not like getting the oak because of splinters from the wood.

One of the women snags Fitch and gets on him about the skimmers. Gillie says he is patronizing her, but he says he respects the Anders people and to let him get the skimmers for her. Fitch goes to the rack where he let them dry and brings them in to Gillie and Gillie says he should go to an extra penance that week. Fitch thanks her for the reminder and then goes to get the cauldron. Morley helps him carry it and Morley comments that there will be a big affair and Fitch knows what it means, that they will be able to take some alcohol without it being missed.

Morley reminds Fitch to be respectful of the Anders people so he can have a roof over his head and food. Fitch did not mean to be disrespectful and felt that sometimes the Anders took offense to easily. Fitch knew he should blame himself.

Fitch goes to retrieve the firewood and gets a splinter. When Fitch first arrived at the estate, the entire place baffled him and he was intimidated, but he knew he needed to learn to fit in to have a place to sleep and food.

His mother had given him warnings about his manners and to do his work without complaint. Fitch's father was not in his life and his mother worked and lived at her employer's house, where she cooked meals.

The men his mother saw viewed him as an annoyance and some would kick him out for the night. Fitch's mother was timid and would not stop them.

Mr. Ibson helped Fitch find work in the kitchen at the Minister of Culture's estate outside Fairfield, the capital city. Fitch was proud at first to be placed in such a high household, but realized there was nothing glamorous about the actual work. Fitch once asked an Ander and he was told that new wrongs were uncovered that needed to be addressed. He did not press the issue because his question had made the Ander scowl. The Minister of Culture was meant to make laws and insure that Anderith culture continued to be exemplary and that all rights were protected.



The man that arrived has weapons that Fitch had never dreamt of. There was an axe with horns and a spiked ball, among others. The sight of the man makes Fitch feel queasy. The stranger continued on and turned back with "dark intent."





# Chapter 13 to 16

## Chapter 13 to 16 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 13, Fitch hurries up and gathers the apple wood and takes it back. When it spills out, he thinks about leaving it until he sees Master Drummond nearby and quickly gathers it and puts it back on the cart. Fitch sees Beata and he tries to think of something to say that would not make him sound foolish. Beata notices his hand and asks what happened when she takes his hand in her's to inspect it and she removes his splinter. He looks at her neck and then forces himself to look away. He says he is meant to help with the load.

When inside, Judith tells him to get the list of everything the butcher sent and Beata calls off the cargo for him. Beata says that the Minister of Culture always wants sparrows for the feasts. Fitch's face goes red and thinks of the sparrows. They were consumed in order to stimulate lust.

Fitch asks if Beata thinks they will ever be absolved of their ancestral crimes to be considered pure of heart. Beata says that they are haken and that their souls are corrupt and not able to be corrupt, while the Ander's souls are pure and unable to be corrupt. Beata says they will not be cleansed, but they can control their vileness.

Fitch wanted to earn a sir name. Fitch asks if she wants to have more of a say in her life, but Beata says that she is Haken and is not worthy of choosing her own destiny. She says that down the path lies wickedness and Fitch asks about the army. Male Haken are not allowed to join the army and may not touch a weapon. Beata says he should know all of this. Fitch does, but he merely wants to help those who the Haken people have made to suffer. Beata says that the Minister is compassionate to all of the people and that the women owe him a great debt as he is the one who has allowed the women to serve in the army with the Ander women. He also passed a law to say that all must respect Haken women.

Fitch was not getting out what he wanted to and asks her if she wants to be able to marry. Beata says that he passed a law allowing Haken women to work to not be slaves to Haken men. He has brought culture to the Haken men too. Fitch feels like he is at penance and then says that Beata is good hearted. Beata says she wants to be able to do good too. People in the army were respected and yet few Haken had earned absolution. Being in the army was not like it was in the past and they were used to bring peace, not harm.

The Domonie Dirtch was used by the Anders even though it was Haken. The Anders were in charge of the Dirtch, a weapon that was outright evil. Minister Chanaboor was tall and probably good looking at one point. He seems old to Fitch. Beata asks about the Minister, if he is charming. The Ander people have said that he will probably be the Sovereign at some point.



Fitch mentions how he is happy to work for a fine man even though he is not worthy and that he is able to have work. Fitch reiterates his desire to help people and contribute. He says that he hopes to someday earn his sir name and be able to go to Aydindril and be named the Seeker of Truth.

Beata says that magic is vile and dirty and she teases him about his dream. He feels bad for having shared his secret dream with her since she laughed, but then she apologizes. She also has dreams and wants to learn to read. He understands this dream. Fitch explains he wants to be a Seeker to restore honor to the post and to show that Haken could serve honorably. She corrects him and her eyes motion to the upper windows where the Minister of Culture watches them.

Fitch watches Beata leave. New to his post, Dalton Campbell was the aide to the Minister and was also an Ander. Dalton Campbell looked noble. Fitch wishes he could carry a fine sword.

Dalton Campbell approached her and grabbed her under an arm and Beata beamed. They went up the stairs together and Fitch looked on.

In Chapter 14, Zedd wakes when the door closes and he opens one eye and sees that it is Nissel. Ann whispers as well and Nissel says that Richard, Kahlan, and Cara have left. They took food, supplies, herbs, waterskins, and weapons. They said a short goodbye and made Nissel promise to keep them well.

Zedd asks again if she is sure that they have left and Nissel says yes, that she watched just as he wanted her too. They were walked out of the village by some of the Mud People. Richard sent her back to them to care for them.

Nissel says that the strange one in red is a good woman and said that she will protect Richard and Kahlan. It started to rain when they parted ways. The Bird Man invoked the spirits of the ancestors to watch over the new people and keep them safe. The Bird Man also sent a hawk to travel with them and then they returned to the village.

They throw off the blankets. Zedd thanks Nissel for all of her help. Ann grumbles and says she appreciates Nissel as well and Nissel prepares tea and tava for them.

Ann says that Nissel seems to be fond of Zed and asks when he learned the language. He explains he learned it some time ago. Ann says he never mentioned to Richard or Kahlan that he knew it. Zedd says it is not a lie, but Ann believes it is a deception. Zedd says that Ann was also quite convincing and then she starts to scold him over the Lurk.

Ann asks what will happen with the bottle when Richard breaks it, but he reveals that it is just a bottle. Zedd's magic is failing and he feels it in his bones and muscles. What Zedd told Richard was true, that Kahlan would have needed to be his third wife for the chimes to be called into the world and yet the chimes are here.

Zedd says they must address the problem of the chimes, not the how.



Ann asks if Richard will go directly to the Keep and Zedd says that they gave him every motivation and made the consequences clear, but apparently, they did not tell him the truth. The truth is more grim than what they described.

Richard's safety is the Keep. The chimes cannot go where they were called forth and the Sword of Truth is the only magic that is likely to work. Ann says that Richard must be protected and that he has proven his leadership ability.

They sit together and have tea and tava so they can start their journey. Ann asks how they will stop the chimes without magic. Ann asks if Zedd has any theories about how the chimes entered the world. Zedd says that if Richard stays at the Keep, the chimes will hopefully be pulled into the underworld without them.

Zedd asks if she still intends to rescue the Sisters of the Light from Jagang. Jagang's magic will fail and the dream walker will lose his grip. There will be opportunity and Ann wants to use it when it is possible, but Jagang still has a large army. They will part ways and Ann says that Zedd is clever even though he is vexing. She admires his perseverance.

Zedd does not like Ann's plan. Zedd says that she cannot allow them to be a menace. Zedd implies that she either needs to rescue them or assassinate them. There was a price when Kahlan invoked the aid of the chimes to save Richard. She unknowingly pledged the chimes what they needed to remain in the world. She pledged Richard's soul. Ann asks what happened to the cat, Lurk, but he doesn't remember since there was so much happening at the time. Zedd always kept a cat to remind him of Erilyn and home. He never named a cat Lurk that Richard would have been able to recall.

In Chapter 15, Master Drummond calls for Fitch and tells him to fetch more of the apple wood. Fitch was glad that Master Drummond did not want oak. Fitch was glad that he brought in enough oak.

Fitch wonders why Minister Chanboor wanted to see Beata. She looked happy and most women are giddy to see the Minister. Fitch does not understand what was special about the Minister since he was getting old. Fitch saw the butcher's cart and Brownie. Beat should have left already and assumed that she did. He assumed that Chanboor was telling her some stories. People liked his stories, though he thought people were only being polite. Fitch gathered more of the wood and then went to the kitchen. Girls did not worry about being polite to Fitch, but Morley liked his stories.

After penance assembly, they could sometimes talk with girls. Fitch thought that penance assembly was depressing and would often get drunk afterwards.

Master Drummond then sent him to carry a paper to the brewer. He figured it was an order for the feast. The brewer grunted as he read and then wanted him to lug heavy sacks instead of sending him back. Everyone had the right to order a scullion around.

He noticed that the cart was still there. Fitch returned to the service halls. Master Drummond was busy and would believe that the brewer gave him orders to carry sacks.



Fitch was told to leave a tray of sliced meats on a table. There were a number of official's offices. There was an Anderith library in the building, which was a store of culture and a source of pride and envy.

The Minister's daughter was younger than Fitch by two or three years and was at an academy. Older servants say that the Minister's daughter accused an Ander guard of something and he was put in chains.

The Landy Chanboor rarely goes to the west wing, which is where Fitch works. The staff who looked up at Lady Chanboor were put out right away. She had a bad temper. Those put out became beggars. Some said the Minister would hit her in the face, others said she was a drunk.

Fitch did not want to become a beggar and went carefully. He found a pin Beata used to close her collar on her dress. She would think he was spying on her. Fitch thinks he heard Beata's voice and muffled laughter.

Fitch checked left and right, but did not see anyone. Fitch heard what sounded like whimpers and a man panting. He sees Beata with a man lying on the floor and Fitch retreated in shock. He considers what to do. He hears two Ander women speaking about the feast and who was invited and who was not. He was about to be caught where he should not be. One woman talks about being noticed more and the other noticed, but nothing more. Husbands would be lauded if their wives were given full attention of the Minister.

A stranger pushed Beata out and shoved her and she landed on her bottom. The stranger had Beata by the arm. The Minister's voice called the stranger by name, "Stein." He threw her underwater on her lap and tried not to cry and then Stein looked up and gave Fitch a wink. The man did not seem concerned that Fitch saw him. The Minister looked out and also smiled. Beata rose to her feet and when she saw Fitch, she stood paralyzed. Fitch did not know how to comfort her. She smacks him in the face in fury. Beata ran off and his vision was blurred. Dalton Campbell helped him to his feet.

Campbell mentions that Fitch is far from the kitchen. Fitch's focus on Beata changed to self-preservation. Fitch says that he wants to be a worthy member of the household to earn his keep. Campbell asks if he can rely on Fitch and he agrees.

Campbell wants him to help him dispel any lies about the Minister. He reminds him that anything that is done to protect our Sovereign is a virtue. Campbell says Fitch may have potential to move up in the household. Campbell says it can help clear his debt. Campbell says that Morley may also be able to wipe his debt clean and be given a sir name. Fitch's jaw hung open as earning a sir name was part of his dream. The Sovereign would give a certificate that stated he paid his debt. This would make him respected. Fitch is surprised that Morley had not told him, but then Campbell is pleased because loyalty is important and Fitch understands.

Campbell tells Fitch to get back to work. Fitch wanted the day to end to get drunk. Beata hated him now and hitting him was horrible to do, even to another Haken.



In Chapter 16, Fitch called out to Fitch and said Fetch again. Fitch was humiliated, but it was not as hurtful as Beata hitting and hating him. His face still throbbed. Fitch thought that she should be angry at someone else aside from him, even herself, though she could not refuse the Minister if he asked for her.

Inger the butcher would have thrown her out if she refused to take his special request to see her. She was excited to see him, so maybe it was Stein that she was upset about, but it was still not a reason to hit him.

Drummond asks about his face and he says a billet of apples hit him. Drummond says he is an idiot and Fitch agrees. Dalton Campbell comes up next to Fitch and needs to go over some things for Master Drummond. Campbell says they need a couple more places at the high table and Drummond gets agitated, but agrees. Drummond asks that in the future, he would be notified earlier to which Dalton agrees, but only if he is informed sooner.

Lady Chanboor asks that the musicians be fed first so that their stomachs do not grumble. Fitch backs off to try and be inconspicuous, but still at hand. Drummond continues a list of a few other things, like hot and cold drinks and not enough food being provided to the Minister's table. Campbell asks if everyone is working to his satisfaction and Drummond says yes. Campbell asks specifically about Fitch and how long he has worked there. Drummond explains that he has worked there for 4 years. Campbell asks about his work and responsibility and Drummond explains that he keeps him busy and that there is no reason to call him Fetch and demean him. Campbell states that it reflects poorly on Drummond as kitchen master. Drummond's demeanor changes and he claims that Fitch does not mind. Campbell's posture changes so that Drummond stops talking. Campbell threatens Drummond and says he will put him out. He also puts Drummond in his place about who gives orders and how they are carried out.

Campbell states that he better not put the boy out or makes it harder on him because of the orders. Campbell threatens Drummond and Drummond replies with a yes sir and he also sweats. He suddenly thought well of Campbell. Drummond orders them back to work and then orders Fitch to get more oak and does not worry about the splinters. At that time, he would have carried hot coals if Campbell asked him too and smiled doing it.



# Chapters 17 to 20

## Chapters 17 to 20 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 17, Campbell prepares for the feast and he would prefer to stay in and make love to Teresa. He needed the diversion. He could smell lilacs.

Teresa was expected to oversee the staff and insure that everything remains presentable so they can entertain and keep it presentable for business. Campbell compliments his wife, saying her hair looks grants. Teresa is in her mid-twenties and is younger by about 10 years. There was some issue with their marriage, but she became his wife six months prior.

She quizzed him when he proposed, asking if he was a man intending to go places because she wanted to rise up in the world. He assured her he was on his way up and his declaration that no other man she was seeing would compare to Campbell's future stature.

She was pleased at the reliability of his statement. They moved a few times, to better quarters with advanced positions. The public knew him and he was recognized for his understanding of the law and his wisdom. He recently became at the top post at the Minister's estate and she was able to stand among women of rank and privilege. Teresa shared his ruthless ambition.

There were notes/messages slipped under the door for him, but none were urgent. There was one that discussed an accidental drowning and Dalton assumed that it was a vendetta involving magic. Another mentioned a disturbed lady and he knew he would need to do something with the woman. Dalton could hear her grievance. Dalton spent time establishing himself in his new post and became a colleague, a confidant, and a shield, which earned him loyalty. He also became indispensable to the Minister.

One man who acted as a researcher for the Office of Cultural Amity went to the estate and Chanboor was displeased, but the man got himself arrested, was drunk, and in bed with a prostitute. He was also found with a stolen book that was quite rare. Dalton sent a report about the book's disappearance and the magistrate saw it as sedition and the man was put to death.

Dalton looked into the incident and closed the matter.

A friend of Dalton's was given the appointment in the vacant seat, which pleased Dalton.

Chanboor decided he needed a closing relationship with his aide and gave Dalton the post of chief of staff and as his aid. Dalton had authority over the entire household. Dalton was just below the Minister and also gave them the finest quarters.



The guests treated Teresa with deference. Dalton thought matters of birth were petty and less consequential. Teresa cleared her throat and he looked at her and she showed off her new dress with a plunging neckline. They were both pleased by the affect.

She comments on her hair. Because of his authority and privileges, she was able to wear longer hair to show her status. He says it will grow and that if anyone looks down upon her, to remember their names so she can revisit them later for recompense.

Dalton says that the dress shows too much. He had never used his wife's body to get to his place in the estate and instead used his wits and talent. He wants her to wear another dress, but she comments that everyone will think of her as a nobody. When he asks if the other women will wear it, she beams at him, much like the Haken girl (Beata) did when the Minister of Culture wanted to see her.

She says that she protects his station and that women can be petty, jealous, ambitious, etc. she says that she deflects gossip and puts it to rest. She questions him because they have always been partners and she would do nothing to jeopardize it. Dalton Campbell warns Teresa to stay away from Stein-Bertrand and she wants to know how she will know him. He says that he wears a cape with human scalps. He has come from the Old World to discuss a possible allegiance.

She says that he will not look her way and that there will be other women fighting for him. Dalton comments on if they would like the Haken girl to tell them how grand it was being with him.

Teresa asks if Anderith will stick with the Midlands or will join with Emperor Jagang. He says that the directors are divided and that Stein is there to speak.

Teresa realizes that the Sovereign will be at the feast and she is excited to be able to break bread with the Sovereign. He reminds her to stay away from Stein and Bertrand.

As Teresa spoke about the gossip in the house, he thought of how to handle Bertrand Chanboor. Chanboor was cunning, much like Dalton and they each had ambition. The Minister of Culture was the true power, as he made laws and appointed magistrates. The Minister's influence and authority touched everywhere and was able to sway commerce, arts, institutions, etc.

The Sovereign was more focused on ceremony and pomp, dress, parties, and affairs.

Teresa asks about Aydindril and if there is one thing that could ruin his plans, it would be Aydindril. He says that the Mother confessor married Lord Rahl. Teresa talks about the wedding and then questions her marriage, as a Confessor's power takes a man when she marries him, which will make him nothing more than a puppet.

Dalton shakes his head and explains that he is apparently gifted and cannot be destroyed by her. He says that she is clever for marrying a gifted man and that Richard shows cunning, conviction, and the ability to plan strategically. Joining the two creates an empire that would be feared and would need to be reckoned with.



However, the directors claimed that Rahl seemed to be a man of integrity, conviction, peace and freedom. However, he also demanded the surrender of the D'Haran empire.

They talk about the possibility of war and Dalton says that it might be a long and bloody struggle. It may be possible to unleash Dominie Dirtch as they would not be able to stand against the weapon. Teresa says that there is no telling what a wizard may do.

Anderith had several leaders among them, including Serin Rajak who was charismatic, fanatical, and rabid, ungovernable and dangerous. Rajak believed that witches or those with magic were evil.

Teresa says that Claudine Winthrop said that the Minister forced himself on her. He knew the gossip to be true and said she planned to announce it to all of the guests. Dalton becomes interested and they discuss it being rape. It could end up being ugly since the Sovereign may allow her to speak and the twelve directors would be attending.

Teresa says that she should know what Minister Chanboor is like, sleeping with half of the women on the estate. Teresa says she will be up to something.

She says that the Minister of Culture is overworked and should be able to seek a diversion, especially since the women are willing. Dalton did not dispute it and he couldn't understand how any girl would bat their lashes and be surprised when he took their bait. However, he thought that Beata was not experienced or mature enough to understand and probably did not foresee what happened. Dalton felt sorry for the girl, even though she was Haken.

The women of the household and mature women knew what the Minister was focused on and didn't have grounds to call foul. Dalton also knew that some became unhappy and wanted recompense. Claudine was scheming to bring trouble and many wives were seduced by the Minister. Bertrand would appoint men after he met their wives.

Chanboor avoided many women like the plague because he feared disease. Disease claimed many. Chanboor had his choice of women. Dalton says, "I love you, Tess" and she kisses him. He knows he does not deserve her as she is a good woman. He would hold onto this for dear life.

Claudine would need attention and to be silenced so she did not cause trouble. Although Lady Chanboor and others did not give much attention to his affairs, an accusation of rape from a woman of standing would bring trouble.

Many among the directors wanted a man of moral character to be Sovereign and could deny the seat. Once given the seat, it would not matter, but it would matter before. Dalton gets up to leave to send a message.

Chapter 18 Summary





Nora wakes and the straw beneath her stirs. She expects that Julian will slap her rump soon. Julian always woke before first light and there were many chores that needed to be done. When she rolled over, Julian was no there and it made her feel a little queasy.

Bruce and Bethany wake too and they had all just gone to bed. Nora was tired and could still taste the food from the night before. Nora feels something evil lurking about. She thinks that Julian must be in the privy house. Nora says a quick prayer. She tells the children to go back to sleep.

She shakes, but doesn't know why and adds logs to the fire. She gets a lamp and soothes them back to sleep. She says that she is just bringing him a lamp and she could feel that there was evil out there in the moonlight.

She figured that Julian would curse her foolish ways and that she worried for nothing. She goes to the privy house and calls out for Julian, but there is silence. Julian is not in the privy. She continues to look for him and goes down the path and down the hill and hoped to see him fishing, but the stump was empty. She found him, bobbing in the water and could not get to him.

She wondered how she would survive without him, how she would feed her and the children, how she would live. It could not be possible. He could not be dead.

She saw sparks shooting up out the chimney and heard a scream. She knew it was Brace's scream and that evil entered the house. She stumbled and her face hit the ground and she got a bloody nose and gasped for breath. She raced to the house and Brace threw his arm around her and she asks where Bethany is only to see Bethany engulfed in flames.

This did not seem real and she couldn't understand it. She was about to grab her daughter, but she realized it was too late and thought she should run with Bruce before it was too late. Bethany collapsed and sparks splashed. Nora ran with him as evil consumed Bethany's body.

## Chapter 19

Fitch folds his legs and sits on the grass and smells the roasting meat and the smell of the apple wood. Since there would be a lot of work to do, they were given a break. Morley gave him a bottle and though they could not get drunk, they could at least have a sample. Morley said it was sent back and that he grabbed it.

After they cleaned up, they could continue drinking. They could hear people talking and laughing and waiting for the feast to start. Music changed Fitch's mood as it built with emotion and increased his excitement.

Dalton Campbell headed towards them and Fitch and Morley stood up. They are about to explain the liquor, but he only comments on how lucky they are to have it. They were surprised when Campbell took a swig of their bottle and then handed it back. Campbell says he has a bit of trouble and Fitch asks if there is anything they can do to help.



Campbell says yes and that he is hoping they can start to show him their potential and that they can be trusted.

Fitch says they want to prove that they are men and ready to take responsibility.

Campbell says that the Sovereign is not well and that the Minister is still young and that there are many looking into what kind of man he is. Fitch could not believe that Campbell was sharing something so important with two Hakens. Campbell explains that the Sovereign is to protected and that it is a virtue.

Campbell reminds them not let the future Sovereign down. Campbell asks if they told anyone where they would have their drink and they say no. Campbell mentions that he was still able to find them so they better not think they can cause trouble and hide.

Fitch says they can be trusted and that they will not let him down. When Claudine arrives, Morley and Fitch start talking to Claudine Winthrop. Winthrop asks about the message and Morley said they did get it and she says she wants to speak with them about Chanboor. She says the pig raped her and that it was much worse than that. Fitch had trouble because of the way that she was dressed and that her breasts showed. She then asks that Morley come out from the darkness and Fitch realizes he needs to do his part. He grabs her and pins her arms behind her and then Morley shot out to help.

Morley hit her and she doubled over and vomited. She gasped for breath and locked her arms behind her back. Fitch punched her too and it made her feel sick. It was the way the Haken ancestors behaved.

They say that they are supposed to give her a message. She calls him a Haken bastard. He wants to hit her in the face, but Campbell gave them instructions to only hit her where it would not show.

When her breasts pop out of her dress, Fitch freezes and wonders if he should pull it up for her. She asks not to be hurt anymore and says "Yes, sir." She says she is ready to listen. He had never been called "sir" before.

She looked pitiless and helpless and an hour ago, he would have gotten down on his knees and cleaned the floor with her tongue if an Ander woman asked. He did not imagine this change would be so easy. They repeat the word given to them by Campbell, "You were strutting yourself before the Minister, weren't you? You were offering yourself to him, weren't you?" They claim that if she ever accuses him of rape again that it will be considered treason and that the penalty is death. If she says it, her tongue will be nailed to a tree. She begs for forgiveness and says he will not lie again.

They tell her to go back to the room, fix herself up and return to the feast. The dress is spoiled, but he says she should go back to the feast either way and should just change her dress. There will be someone watching for her.



Fitch orders her on his way, then she dipped a curtsy and drove away. Morley wants to know why he sent her off because he wanted her, but Fitch reminded him of what Campbell said.

Morlye said they still have some drinking to do. Fitch never thought an Ander woman would cry. The Minister was Ander and Fitch guessed he couldn't do wrong. Fitch saw how women acted towards him, but remembered Beata and the misery on her face. Fitch wanted nothing more than to drink himself into a stupor.

## Chapter 20

Teresa makes a comment and Dalton looks in the same direction and sees Claudine Winthrop entering. It was an old dress with a modern design and not the same dress she had on earlier. Those from the city of Fairfield took in every detail so they could go back and tell their friends. It was considered a high honor to be invited to the estate.

It took discipline for Dalton not to gape as others did when they came to the estate. Dalton watches Claudine move among the guests and she greets people. She answers questions and conducts herself well. Her husband, Edwin, started out as a farmer in southern Anderith and he saved money well and provided comforts to his family. He purchased livestock and started to produce rum and molasses. From there, he continued to purchase more cattle, equipment and buildings. Winthrop was able to keep his cost low and made a fortune. Winthrop was a frugal and honest man who was well liked. Claudine was the well-educated daughter of a grain dealer who married him about a decade before. Claudine watched every penny and with her help, the empire doubled.

Claudine became useful to him behind the scenes and Dalton thought she may have been the one proposing trade laws to begin with. Claudine argued the proposed laws in his absence and nobody thought of her as entertainment, though Bertrand Chanboor was probably the exception.

She may have been trying to gain his attention or get a favor from the Minister, but then realized it wouldn't come later. Claudine was intelligent and resourceful. Force became the only way to control her.

Teresa seems puzzled that Claudine has on a different dress and he prodded Teresa to ask her about it. She knew that there was a scheme. She knew she should go ahead and play the role assigned. Claudine claims that she went outside to get some air and ended up falling and soiling her dress. She says she hit her head and that is all.

Teresa pushes Dalton away to care for Claudine and is pleased with the two Haken boys and it became obvious that they put fear in her and delivered his message. He thought violence was necessary sometimes to help people understand instructions.

Dalton is happy to know that he judged Fitch well. On looking at the sword, Fitch's eyes held lust. He had ambition. Morley was useful too, but was more helpful for muscle. Fitch was eager and understood instructions better.



Dalton shook hands with a man who complimented him on his new position. Director Linscott was finishing a discussion with a man about taxes on wheat storages, which was not a small matter considering the large amount of grain stored. Dalton shook Linscott's hand.

Linscott did not try to intimidate people on purpose, it just came naturally. Linscott mentions that he has heard about the high hopes of the Minister and that there is talk of breaking with the Midlands despite the strong advice of the Mother Confessor.

Dalton says he wants the best terms for our people and that our culture is at stake. He does not want to choose sides prematurely. Dalton says that the Minister merely wants peace.

The Director scowls and says that "slaves have peace."

The Director asks what kind of man Campbell is and that they should not turn their back on the advice of the Mother Confessor. Linscott accuses Dalton of wanting to bargain away the sacrifice of their ancestors and their heritage. Dalton accepts the insult with courtesy and it revealed that one who would inflict wounds was beneath the ideals of honor. Dalton turned away as though he was insulted by a Haken. The Director called his name and Dalton paused to look back. The Director tries to compliment Dalton and he said that his words are gratifying, but then Linscott comments on his wife's chest and him showing them off. Dalton gives him some wine and says that he also insisted on her changing, but when asked why she is still wearing it, he explains that he doesn't cheat on her. Linscott says he is glad that he did not indulge his moral attitudes.

Dalton says that he was shocked by their dress when they came to the estate, but that his wife is younger and wants to have friends and not be shunned. The Minister and Dalton believe that they need to find a way to influence fashion better even though women are given prerogative over the way they dress.

Linscott says that he does not cheat either and that he is glad that Dalton adheres to the old ideals that commitment is sacrosanct.

Anderith culture focused on honor and a solemn oath, but Anderith was changing and many moral bounds fell to scorn. Debauchery was almost expected among the elite.

Dalton asks if he can introduce the Director to his wife. During the introduction, Linscott claims he likes Teresa's dress. When silently questioned, Linscott says he could not humiliate or disappoint her. Dalton sighed in understanding. Linscott offers Claudine his aide in returning, but she declines and says she wants to see the guests and the Minister of Culture.

Claudine claims that Chanboor is a man of honor and is respectful of the laws. Linscott is pleased with the endorsement and says she is merely the wife of an important man.

Dalton asks about his knowledge of the guest of honor, Stein and the Sovereign. The Sovereign rarely announced his presence or appearance in advance and arrived with his own guards and servants.



# Chapters 21 to 24

## Chapters 21 to 24 Summary and Analysis

Chapter 21 begins with a woman signing in a somber tone, describing an ancient tale of beauty and duty and the chimes. The song describes how if the bells are called three times, death comes calling. The chimes demand a soul. The song ends and the guests clap. The song came from Joseph Ander and it was cherished for that reason. Dalton once tried to find more information on the meaning of the song, but could not find anything that revealed the intent. The song was used on special occasions, but Dalton felt like the words meant more this time than when he previously heard it.

The woman's sleeves skimmed the floor and she bowed. Her sleeves had owl feathers on them and she looked like a winged woman when she sang.

Stein applauded apathetically and Teresa admired the singer. Dalton tried not to yawn when he applauded.

The next course (fish) was announced. There were five courses with a dozen specialties and there were still seven courses to come. There was music, jugglers, troubadours, and acrobats present to entertain all of the guests. It was not expected that everyone would eat all of the food, but that there were choices for the guests. It was meant to astonish with opulence.

Stein was a sensation and invited looks from many women. They whispered over the man with a cape of scalps. In contrast, Chanboor wore an embellished sleeveless shirt with embroidery and gold trim and braiding. Many of the men admired Bertrand Chanboor and the presence of power he had and the women yearned for him.

The Sovereign and his wife had three sons and two daughters in attendance, but nobody wanted to stare at the Sovereign. The Sovereign was a holy religious leader and many idolized him and even confessed their sins as his carriage went by. The Sovereign was alert despite his health and had a golden garment on and wore heavy jewels. The Sovereign outlived four wives and Dalton doubted that his last wife was out of her teens. The Sovereign's grandchildren were brats and their behavior went unchecked. Luckily, they were not brought with to the feast.

Lady Chanboor wore a silver pleated gown and gestured to the harpist to silence. Lady Chanboor directed the feast, despite that it did not need her. She silenced the harpist to remind others of her social position. People thought the feast relied on her, but the harpist knew the truth and still waited for the noble finger to start or stop. Despite the Minister eyeing the cleavage of the harpist, Lady Chanboor did not show a reaction even though she noticed. She relished her power and paid the price.

Lady Chanboor was not exactly faithful herself and kept a discreet company of lovers and Dalton kept a list of their names. Dalton thought her lovers were attracted to her



power and wanted to earn a favor. Most people could not imagine her as anything else than a faithful wife. The Anderith people loved her.

Lady Chanboor was adept, focused, and knowledgeable and often issued orders. Bertrand relied on his wife and often deferred to her in certain matters. She worked to preserve his power, because hers would also be altered. She tended to issues on her own.

Dalton watched Claudine. Stein had shameless manners as he ate and chewed with his mouth open. This was probably not the type of entertainment Stein enjoyed.

The Sovereign had his own servants and they tasted and prepared his food.

The Minister asks about the woman who may be inclined to spread lies and tells Dalton he should address it. Dalton says he already has and that she intends no disrespect. The Minister said if Teresa were not married to Dalton, he might invite her to a dance, but at such feasts he only danced with Lady Chanboor and dignitaries.

Dalton commented on one of the officials (Director Lisncott) and his concerns. They discuss the concerns and the devotion to the Anderith people. Lady Chanboor says there are many people who would like to destroy his good work and aid troublemakers. There were many opposed to Bertrand Chanboor being named Minister. A Sovereign served for life and any slip could remove him from being considered.

Dalton spoke in a whisper and the advice pleased Lady Chanboor. Stein comments about slitting their throats. Lady Chanboor is angry at Stein's offer. Stein had already been warned. Such words would be under investigation and would bring the Mother Confessor down on them. She would work to discover the truth and may remove Chanboor from office for good.

Dalton gave a silent threat to Stein. Stein claims that he was of course just joking and said such words from where he is from are common and harmless and for amusement. The Minister warns him to show better judgment. Stein says Dalton did give him a warning and that he hopes to learn their ways better. Dalton raised his estimate of the man and Lady Chanboor relaxed and offers him some wine.

Teresa had struggled in the cut throat female social structure where words were used as weapons.

Stein drinks and says he likes the wine and then asks when he can speak. The Minister says that Stein may speak when the guests are finished.

In Chapter 22, musicians played from the gallery and men held banners that flapped with the music. The Sovereign's servants catered to his table and the squires were by the Minister's table. The Minister selected each item for he and his wife. Chanboor took a piece of eel and offered it to her and she put it down, then asked Stein about the floods in his homeland. The Lady Chanboor did not like eel. The squires then served Teresa and Dalton. Teresa refused the eel too.



The Minister makes a joke that "Eel is good for the eel, if you follow my meaning." Dalton was preoccupied with other things.

The meal manifested the Minister's power and wealth and was also meant to protect the Minister from accusations of "ostentatious excess—a profound religious connotation."

The feast was not held for a social reason or to celebrate an anniversary. The Sovereign's attendance helped to consecrate the sacred aspects of their feast. The room was filled with conversation and laughter.

Dalton asks about Claudine and they speak a little bit about her. Teresa says she paid attention to Director Linscott and tried to act like she wasn't. Teresa asks why she was so brazen about commenting on the Minister and he said it was probably for protection. Teresa says that the woman was really closemouthed about it. Dalton believes his plan worked and that the boys silenced her.

Dalton worked his way through the room to greet people and hears jokes and rumors and promises. Everyone thought that he was making rounds as the Minister's representative to make sure everyone was okay. He made his way to Claudine and asks if she is feeling better and she puts on a smile and says she is feeling better. Dalton comments on his reluctance to speak with her since Edwin is not present. She assures him it is okay. Dalton comments on the children who grow hungry and says that he is a good man and they are lucky to have him. Dalton comments on the idea of a new law that would be named the Winthrop Fair Employment Law. She says they are honored and that they would review it. Dalton then says they hoped to announce it that night and that he had hoped to give it to her sooner. She repeats her desire to review it. She presses her desire to review it and he comments on the Minister's desire to announce it and start helping the starving children.

She finally gives in and then kisses her hand saying the Minister will be pleased to hear of her support.

Dalton makes his way back to the table and Teresa says the pie (turtle pie) moved. The crust breaks and the turtle comes out and around the room, the guests laugh and applaud. All were delighted by the spectacle.

Lady Chanboor cancels the next round of entertainment and rises to address the room. She comments on helping the children of Anderith and having a leader with courage. She introduces Chanboor as a man of integrity who works for the people. The guests applaud and they look at one another in an adoring way. Dalton rises and brings all to their feet.

Dalton worked for many men, but most were not able to follow plans and none were in the league of Chanboor. The Minister had taken on the concept Dalton explained quite quickly. Bertrand acknowledged the crowd and silenced them and makes an address.

Chanboor discusses how he knew the pang of hunger from when he was a child. Chanboor discusses how much work needs to be done with buildings under





construction and roads being built. He says it is his duty to make sure proud men who are willing to work have the opportunity to provide for their children. He says he cannot take credit for this proposal and gives the credit to Lady Winthrop and Edwin and names it the Winthrop Fair Employment Law. Lady Winthrop is given applause and she rises to her feet and he gives her and Edwin the credit. Dalton looked at the directors and they were polite and reserved.

He says that employment will go to those willing, not just to those in the Masons Guild. Linscott's face displayed some rage. The Minister says that men will be employed under the new law under the supervision of the masons. The Minister asks for a show of hands in support and Linscott shot up to his feet and interrupts. The Sovereign stops him. The Sovereign's impatience saved the Minister the task of a forced vote and Dalton did not need to wait for the other Directors to show their hands. The Minister had announced a death sentence to the guild. If the Directors did not show their support, then the blade might be turned on the guild and their profession.

Claudine sank down and knew what this meant. The guild were the ones that set standards for everything, from rates to training and governing disputes. The law would destroy the guild. It would mean the end of Linscott's career and the loss of protection of guild law as a Director. The masons would probably expel him and Linscott would be considered an outcast.

The Directors hands started to go up one after another until there were eleven. Linscott gave Claudine a look and left the feast. Dalton applauded the Directors and people congratulated Claudine and said what wonderful things they did for the children. Some scolded the selfish ways of the masons. Linscott would probably never again listen to Winthrop or what she had to say.

Stein gave Dalton a cunning smile and Lady Chanboor and the Minister were pleased with Dalton. When everyone sat back down, the harpist started to play. The Sovereign struggled to stay awake and they wanted to hear Stein speak. The Minister started to speak and he talks about their land as being unique and that they hope to hear what Lord Rahl of D'Hara and the Mother Confessor say and that they wait respectfully to hear from them. He does say that tonight they will hear what the Imperial Order wants them to know and that the Emperor Jagang sent a representative from the Old World to speak to them, Master Stein.

People applauded and then stopped when Stein rose. He was imposing and fearsome, yet fascinating. He says that the race of mankind is being suffocated, including Anderith and that they are being denied destiny, the future, and life. He says that magic holds power over all of them. People in the room were confused and worried. Magic was loathed, but also respected. He says that those with magic cast spells to harm the innocent and that it is time that regular people should decide what will be. Stein says that the scalps on his cape are those of the gifted, the witches. He says people should fear the Creator, not the wizard or witch. He says that the Imperial Order wants to end magic so man will decide his destiny. The old religion is dying out.



He says that they do not want to fight the people of Anderith or force them to take up arms, but they do want to destroy the magic of D'Hara. He also calls Richard a "bastard son." He says that anyone who stands against them will be killed. The Minister says if they do not want swords, what they want. Stein explains that Emperor Jagang wants to trade with them and others. When asked how much they will pay, the Sovereign says twice as much. When asked how much they need to purchase, Stein says everything as they are a huge force. The Sovereign thanks him and says they will want to hear more. The Sovereign then has the feast resume.

In Chapter 23, in the morning, Fitch's head hurt and he could not get the sour taste in his throat to go away. He was in good spirits upon waking. Master Drummond was not yelling at him and he seemed relieved that the feast was over. Drummond was not calling him Fetch. Drummond tells him to wash his hand. Fitch guessed that Drummond had a drink the night before too by the way that he was sweating.

Drummond told Fitch to go to Master Campbell's office. The women watched and Gillie scowled, probably hoping to twist Fitch's ear and scold him. Drummond says Dalton Campbell wants to see him. Fitch bows and takes off. He is happy to rush off and keeps away from Gillie.

Fitch walked into the office with his head low and shuffled in, not sure how he was supposed to act. There were some messengers, which was a coveted position in the household. One of the men told Fitch to go in and says that Campbell is waiting on him. He was surprised to be called by name. Campbell tells him to shut the door and Fitch asks if he needs something. Campbell says they did a good job with Claudine Winthrop. Master Campbell asks if Fitch would like to be one of his messengers. It did not make any sense. Campbell says it is easier work, pays better and has food and living quarters. He could start to set aside money for his future so he could buy something for himself when he earns his sir name.

Campbell goes over some of the expectations, like making his bed, keeping his things in order and wearing boots.

Fitch asks about Morley and Campbell says he only needs one for now and that he needs to think about himself and his future. Fitch says he likes Morley and he is his friend, but he does want to be Master Campbell's messenger. Campbell gives Fitch a letter to give to Master Drummond that says he will not be responsible for Fitch as his first official message.

Rowley, another messenger, will then take him to the livery for clothes to be fitted for him. He expects proper conduct at all times, polished boots, hair brushed and clean clothes. Rowley will explain the other details.

Fitch couldn't wait to be out of his scullion clothes. After he goes to the livery, he is supposed to deliver a pouch to the Office of Cultural Amity in Fairfield. Campbell gives him some money, which is to show his appreciation for what he did with Claudine the night before.



Fitch tries to give the money back because he never promised anything for it and he says he did it to protect the Sovereign, not for a reward. Campbell smiled

and said to take the coin and have some fun after the Fairfield delivery.

Campbell says not to go to prostitutes. There are nasty diseases in Fairfield among them and he will not live long enough to be a good messenger. Fitch thought the idea was tantalizing, but could not get the nerve to be naked in front of one. Fitch never thought of being around a woman in an aroused state. He wanted to be with a woman, but wanted to get to know one and court one first. Fitch swears to Campbell that he will not visit any of the prostitutes.

## Chapter 24

Dalton yawned after Fitch left. He had been up for a long time, calling staff and meeting with trusted assistants to find out if they heard anything important discussed at the feast. He then saw to the messages. By first light, Dalton had his messengers off to all corners of Anderith. Dalton would soon tell the Minister what the message said so he was not taken off guard.

The criers would read messages in different locations, such as worship services, inns, army posts, universities, etc. The message would soon be in every ear. Criers who took liberty were reported and were replaced with men focused on keeping their source of income. Dalton also sent identical messages to people in the land who would report if it was altered.

Dalton understood the importance of a tailored and cogent sounding message. It wielded power.

There was a new law in the land. Action as of the day before would have been unthinkable. Instead of attacking the new law, the masons would need to prove that they were not intentionally starving children. Soon, the masons would need to embrace the new law or be stoned. Dalton had laid out the possibilities and put the message out before any of the Directors could change their minds or do anything about it. The criers would already be proclaiming the new law all over.

Fitch would fit right in with the other messengers. They were men who were otherwise doomed to a life of labor, degradation and had few options. They would now help shape and control Anderith culture. The messengers were loyal to Dalton and would be willing to go to their death if he requested.

Teresa was happy about having been introduced to the Sovereign and had paid him back for introducing them. She decided to spend the morning in prayer. She did not faint, as many women did, though it was an accepted reaction. It was considered a talisman of faith.



When Chanboor would rise to become Minister of Culture, he would also become the object of adoration. Dalton thought that many women would want to fall under him instead of faint.

Dalton looks up to see a woman barging in. Her name is Franca Gowenlock. She has a dark look and the air seemed different when Franca was around. She says that she does not like Stein at all. Dalton says that if he insulted her or hurt her, he will deal with it. Franca says that he did something with her gift. She said at the feast, she listened to the conversations and didn't hear a thing. He tests her a couple times and she can't hear anything. She says that Stein must be a wizard because she is all tied up. He asks her for another example and she says that there is a woman that came to her and said she is pregnant and she cast a spell on her to not be pregnant. The spell didn't work. He says maybe it is lost confidence, but that he does not know a lot about magic. Dalton says that he does not think that Stein has any magic and he is not even there today. He is touring the countryside.

She asks about Serin Rajak and he says they do have them in chains, but that he is not sure if he is still alive. Dalton says that he is certain her power will return and not to be too concerned. Franca is terrified. He cautiously consoled her. She was a dangerous gifted woman. The song from the feast came back to him about the thieves of the charm and spell.



# Chapters 25 to 28

## Chapters 25 to 28 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 25, Roberta looked out across the fields of Nareef Valley. The Dameer River went through the valley. She would go up to Nesting Cliff to look out at the valley. Roberta shifted her pack and walked along. She saw a mushroom and plucked it up. Some people only would go up every year or two to view the splendor. Some took herds of goats up on the rocky slopes. Roberta never climbed the higher mountains. She was afraid of high places. She liked the deep woods where the mushrooms grew. The area was called Nesting Cliffs because the falcons nested there.

Roberta collected mushrooms so she could sell them at market. She would sell them fresh or dried or pickled, among other ways. Some called Roberta the mushroom lady. The mushrooms helped her family earn some money and also made life easier to be able to trade.

Roberta had secret places where she would find mushrooms and many would seek her out just to get her mountain mushrooms. It was still early in the year and she found clusters of mushrooms that were good for dipping in egg and frying. She found several types of mushrooms, including chanterelles and pheasant-backs.

She hears someone calling her name and thinks it is in her daydream, but she realizes it is real. She never thought that he was real. They embrace and she feels a change in her as she no longer feels weary or old. There is no more perfect love in the world. She heard chimes ring out. She wants more. She longs for him and feels the only true passion in all of life. She falls into his arms and they kiss. She sees through him and beyond him. His last name is death.

In Chapter 26, Richard points to a dark fleck of cloud and points to something. Kahlan cannot see it, but he can see distant things better. Cara cannot see "him" either. Richard looks behind them to see if anyone is sneaking up. He does not see any other threats.

Sometimes, Richard wanted to be rid of the Sword of Truth. It was a horrifying tool to have. The sword's magic could fuse feelings into a lethal wrath. The person wielding the sword had to govern himself and the weapon. It was intended for the Seeker of Truth. It frightened him to think of what might happen if it fell into the wrong hands, but he was glad it was safe.

The rain vexed them especially without being able to light a fire. They were all irritable and worried about Zedd and Ann being troubled by the Lurk. It was a long journey and he was almost willing to take a risk.

It seemed like something was disturbing Cara. She was disagreeable, but he thought if it was important, she would tell them. Richard was unsettled not having his sword with him with trouble around. He was afraid that the Lurk would attack Kahlan and he would



not be able to protect her. There were a number of dangers to a Confessor. If magic was being eroded, the Confessor's power would soon be gone and her power could not protect her. Richard was uneasy about going to Aydindril and something felt wrong. He tried to tell himself that it was worry and that he was feeling vulnerable.

Richard said that he once heard a story about a cat named Lurk from his mother. Kahlan asks if he is sure. Richard said he isn't sure. He may just be convincing himself of it.

Car tries to draw their attention to the approaching man. Kahlan sees him. Richard says that the man knows that they are there because he saw them when they saw him. Cara wants to put distance between them and hide. Richard wants to stay because the man is coming alone. There are other men with him, but he is the only one going to meet them. The man lifted his arms up and waved to them. Richard recognized the man as Chandalen.

When Richard was gathering chickens, he went on a patrol and encountered heavily armed people. They were worried about the behavior of the strangers. Kahlan said that the men were calm when approached, which troubled Chandalen.

The custom of the Mud People was not to smile until proper greetings were exchanged. Chandalen asks where they are going and Kahlan explains that the chicken was magic conjured by the Sisters of the Dark Jagang has been holding prisoner. They explain that the magic endangers all with magic and is making Zedd and Ann weak. They must return to Aydindril to unleash magic to counter the Sisters of the Dark. Zedd will then be stronger to put everything right.

The others approach, but they first say there are strangers they must see first. Chandalen puts his hands up with empty palms, as though to show he did not want a part of whatever was happening. Although they seemed merely to guide them, Richard knew that they were ready to strike if needed. However, Chandalen also recognized the men. They dressed the same and had the same weapons. They created the Valley of the Lost to separate the New World and the Old World. For these men, they were blade masters and practicing with their swords was a sign of devotion. A woman was among them and was dressed differently. She was about 6 months pregnant.

The woman wore a prayer dress, which was only worn by a spirit woman. Richard wondered why they would have traveled so far, but he only came up with possibilities that were unpleasant.

The men bowed to Richard and the woman who had the mark of the gift got to the ground and kissed his book and said "Caharain." Richard urged her up. He asks why they have come so far and she addresses Richard as "husband."

Kahlan became concerned when she calls him husband and with a jolt, Richard recalls Du Chaillu's account of her people's old law and the implications are staggering. He dismissed her assertions and misconceptions before. Kahlan becomes upset. Du Chaillu rubs her hand over her belly and says she is having Richard's child.



Cara jumps to Richard's aide and goes after Du Chaillu, but he stops her. Kahlan stops him and asks what this is about. Richard tells the men to get up.

Chandalen does not know why he is angry. Kahlan asks who the people are. Richard cannot seem to calm down and he cursed himself for missing this. He thinks of a way to stop all of this to prevent it from coming to be.

Richard says something about "Baka Ban Mana" and she says that they have a Caharin and are no longer a "Bak Ban Mana." They are the Baka Tau Mana. Kahlan doesn't understand and wants more of an explanation as to why she is claiming he is her husband. His mind was already off and going and she did not yet realize the implications.

Richard says that Du Chaillu thinks he is her husband based on the old law. He says they are in a lot of trouble. They talk about the baby. He was a prisoner of the Mord Sith at the time she would have gotten pregnant.

Denna decided to take Richard as a spouse, but never implied that it was marriage. For Denna, it was another way to humiliate him. Richard says that arrangements can constitute marriage to different people. Confessors, however, pick their mates for their own reasons other than love. Confessors select a husband for breeding stock. A confessor chose a man for qualities that would be contributed to their daughter. Richard explains that sometimes parents would say this person would be their husband or their wife.

The witch woman had appeared unexpectedly at the wedding and Richard remembered the words well. The necklace would ensure that they would not have children. Richard did not really believe Shota's claim that the child would be a fiend unleashed on the world. Richard knew that for now, Kahlan decided to heed the witch's warning.

Richard freed Du Chaillu from the Majendie who held her prisoner for months and the men used her for their own amusement. Du Chaillu gave a guide to Richard to help him navigate through a witch house. Richard says that she means Sister Verna and the Palace of the Prophets. Richard explains that he fulfilled an ancient prophecy and that based on the old law, he is the Caharain and her husband.

She is the spirit woman of her people and the keeper of the laws. She says that they the Caharain will dance with the spirits to announce his arrival and spill the blood of 30 Bak Ban Mana. They will then be bound to Richard's wishes. The blade masters have trained for this their whole lives. They taught the Caharin to fight the Dark Spirit and proved that Richard was the caharin just as the old ones promised.

Du Chaillu said he killed the 30 as described in the old law. Richard said he did not have a chance as they would have killed him. Richard explains that he begged Du Chaillu to stop them and defended himself.

Kahlan summarizes the facts, that Richard saved her life, returned her to her people, then her people tried to kill him. She asks if that was her "thanks." Richard was



uncomfortable defending their actions, as it resulted in much bloodshed and he could remember the smell of it.

Richard says that they put him through a live-or-die test and made him learn how to use the sword's magic in ways he never thought possible. He did it to survive. The Sword of Truth allowed him to draw on the experience of others, of all who have used the sword, including the good and the wicked. The experience of relating images and symbols helped him understand the prophecy of him being the "bringer of death."

Richard touched the amulet with a ruby that represented a drop of blood. Prophecy and the old laws said they would teach him the dance. He understood that they were meant to uphold their duty and that if he was the one, he would survive. They were fulfilling prophecy. He says she knows how terrible prophecy can be. Kahlan nodded and was caught in some of her own memories that brought pain. Prophecies caused them hardships and trials.

Nadine was forced upon him by prophecy too.

Five of those killed were her husbands and the fathers of her children. The spirit woman is meant to be the wife of the Caharin. Kahlan grows angry and hurt that he had never mentioned her. She blames him, but then he says that he never agreed to it. There was never a ceremony. He did not swear an oath. Richard says he dismissed it as an irrational belief. Du Chaillu says that they are married, but he never agreed to it. It is simply the beliefs of the Baka Ban Mana.

They start talking about another serious problem that they have. They talk about the different requirements of magic and if it is fulfilled by an ambiguous role without the ritual. She says yes, it is a reflective effect. Richard asks how the reflective effect works. A spell can seek its own solution. Richard was afraid of that possibility. Richard realizes that Zedd lied about the Lurk and that it is actually the chimes that are loose.

Kahlan was right to feel angry and his excuse was inadequate. People were supposed to be able to believe in him and follow him. Kahlan is actually his third wife. Although they may not look at it that way, the wizards who cast the spell would not care. They have set the events into motion.

Magic sometimes works under ambiguous rules, no matter how we might feel about it. Richard says that they must face it that the chimes are loose.

In Chapter 28, although he thought his reasoning was valid, it did not seem like Kahlan was convinced. She looked angry. She asked if Richard told Zedd about Du Chaillu. Richard understood her feelings and he would not like to discover she had another husband. However, she needed to see they were in trouble and had already wasted time.

Richard says that he never considered it authentic and had not remembered until then. Kahlan's fists tighten and she asks how Zedd knew that she was his third wife, even if





only considered to be his third by some. She says that Juni's death does not prove that the chimes are loose, but he says it is not just Juni, but also the stillborn baby.

If the Imperial Order won the war, many people might be slaughtered for possessing magic and with the chimes loose, they may not even live long enough to face that. The Mud People are also vulnerable to the chimes.

Kahlan tries to focus on this logically, that she can still feel her power as she always was able. She says they do not have proof that the chimes are causing the failure of magic.

Richard turns to Cara and asks her how long she has found the Agiel useless. Cara acts as though she was suddenly slapped and then asks what made him think that. He says that she pulled Chandalen's knife and he had never seen her forsake her Agiel for another weapon. She explains that in the last few days, she has had trouble sensing him and knowing his location. She said the bond is growing weaker. The Agiel is powered by the bond. Cara is ready to cry. Only a Mord-Sith would anguish for not being able to use something that also caused pain when she touched it.

Cara says she is still sworn to him and will protect him. Richard wonders about the D'Haran army as they gave purpose through the bond and Jagang is coming. The bond was a form of ancient magic that he inherited. The bond was created to act as protection from dream walkers. The army may not feel as strong of a bond as before. Those in the Midlands are not bonded to the Confessor by magic. They follow her because they believe in her. Kahlan says that they have no proof it is the chimes, so they need to go and counter the magic of the Sisters of the Dark. Kahlan's patience wanes and she is frustrated that he insists it was the chimes even though Zedd said it was the lurk.

Richard says that Zedd would not have known that he knew about the cat named Lurk. It was something his mother shared with him and was meant to bring comfort and a smile. Zedd wanted to hide the truth and it was probably the first thing that came to mind.

Richard knew it was the chimes. Those in the Old World wanted to end magic, just like Jagang. Jagang is a descendant of the dream walkers and now the weapon is in charge of creating war. Jagang wants to end magic so he can use it against them. The people in the Old World during the great war tried to end all magic. The chimes were meant to steal magic away.

The chimes could extinguish life itself. Kahlan says that Zedd said he could take care of it, but Richard wants a reason why they lied to them instead of simply telling them the truth. Richard recalled reading Kolo's journal and finding information on the chimes and the possible catastrophic events taking place. Richard doubted that Kolo wanted anyone to read the journals. His journal seemed to be a method of thinking finding a solution to problems. Richard thought of someone called Ander, but could not think of his full name.



Wizard Ander was apparently big. Kolo did not like the man. Richard remembered the failure to properly apply the Wizard's Fifth Rule, which was "Mind what people do, not only what they say, for deeds will betray a lie."

Cara says that they still haven't said what the chimes are. Richard feels the breeze pushing him onward. Richard did not give serious thought to the chimes when it came up at the wedding, but after the chicken and Juni, Richard had a rising sense of alarm and made him try to recall everything about the chimes. He had searched Kolo's journal for solutions to problems and had not been paying attention to the chimes.

In response to Cara, Richard said, "The chimes are ancient beings spawned in the underworld. The Grace must be breached to bring them into the world of life."

Being from the underworld, they were conjured from the Subtractive side alone, and so create an imbalance once in this world. Magic needs balance. Being totally Subtractive, their mere presence here requires Additive Magic for them to exist in this state, since existence is a form of Additive power, and so the chimes drain magic away from this world as long as they're here."

Cara was only more confused by the answer and Richard understood the confusion. He did not know much about magic and barely understood what he told her. He was not even sure if it was accurate.

Cara asks if what he means is that anyone can be a chime. Richard says that Zedd explained that Jagang has a soul and can only enter the mind of a person since a soul is necessary. The chimes could not be governed. It seems like it could take on an animal form.

Chimes wait and hide in dark places, such as in cracks in rocks or along the water or they may hide in fire. It was said that some have such beauty that it takes their breath away. Kolo's journal made it sound like when the victim sees them, that it shapes the desire and makes that desire irresistible.

Perhaps that was what happened to Juni. Why he abandoned his weapons, judgment, and common sense. The chimes hunt people without mercy and do not tire of it. The full translation means "the chimes of doom" or "the chimes of death."

Du Chaillu was silent, but did not like needing to be quiet.

Kahlan does not believe it is the chimes, but Richard does and believes Zedd wanted to get them out of harm's way. She also reminds Richard of the Wizard's First Rule, about believing a lie. Richard decided he no longer had a choice and had to tell Kahlan.



# Chapters 29 to 32

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In Chapter 29, Kahlan walked willingly away from the group with Richard. She was content to argue with him alone instead of in front of everybody else. Richard saw the hunters leaning a little on their spears, despite the fact that they are poisonous. He could tell that they were placed strategically and the Baka Tau Mana were outsiders. The Baka Tau Mana looked indifferent to the Mud People and Richard knew that they were anything, but indifferent.

Sister Verna once told him that one blade master killed almost fifty soldiers before being taken down. She said they fought like they had invincible spirits and they believed that they were. He did not want a misstep or lapse in judgment to cause them to fight. The Baka Tau Mana, the Mud People, and Cara were all part of a triangle and each party was allied to Richard, though each looked at the world in different ways. They still valued some of the same things.

Kahlan says that she knows his heart is in the right place, but that he is not being reasonable. As the Seeker of Truth, he needs to stop insisting he is right and see the truth and that they can stop the magic and that Zedd and Ann will counter the spell.

Richard insists that Zedd did not want them to know and he wishes he could have trusted them with the truth, but for some reason he didn't. Kahlan closed her eyes and agrees that some of this situation is puzzling and that there are aspects that still need to be answered. She says that Zedd is First Wizard and they need to trust what he has asked them to do.

Richard wishes he could be really alone with her and then try to forget all of this. Richard knows that he needs to tell her the rest. When the hunters guarded them in the spirit house, one killed a chicken because they like to kill. When Juni heard the noise, he insulted the spirit of the killer. She said she did the same. She insulted the chicken thing so why is she not dead. Richard says that the chimes told her why. When the chicken called her "mother," it was not because of her title being Mother Confessor, it was because she is the one who gave them life. She assumed that it was calling her by title, but it was calling her by the name, "mother."

He could tell that the words were penetrating her rationale. Kahlan's eyes filled with tears and said that the chimes were the only thing that she could think of to help save him. She did not want to trust his life to their charity. She says that they need to stop them.

She asks if she knows how to send them back to the world of the dead. He doesn't, but they have at least recognized the problem. She asks why the chimes were outside the spirit house. Richard suggests that they simply wanted to be near her, near their mother.



They talk about the fatal grace and what it means. They consider that perhaps the fatal grace may stop the chimes. They talk about Kolo and his report and how they might be harmed. Fire is definitely not going to work. Zedd was insistent on his taking the Sword of Truth and lied about it being a Lurk to keep them from harm. They talk about Subtractive Magic and the possibility that the chicken thing fled Richard because of his Subtractive Magic. They suspect that it might harm them.

The charms mean fire, water, and air. She suggests that perhaps they did not harm Richard because if she is their mother, perhaps they believe he is their

father. He said it could be that, but that he felt intense emotion when they were near, including lust and loathing. Kahlan thought of the irony and mentioned Shota, who said that together, they would conceive a monstrous offspring. Kahlan turns away in tears.

She speaks of Jagang and how he controls those with magic in his army and have used others to try to kill them. Kahlan says something about how the sisters of the Dark know how to use Subtractive Magic. Richard is concerned that he may still have the Sisters of the Dark. Kahlan says that they should rely on Zedd and Ann to stop the chimes, but Richard explains that neither one of them can use Subtractive Magic and the magic they do have is failing.

She gives him a look about how he should have remembered that he had a first wife so he could have told Zedd. It could have made a difference and now the chance is lost. Kahlan says she chose a bad time to be negligent.

Richard wanted to argue, but it wouldn't have made a difference and she was not wrong. Richard wondered if they should go back and track Zedd. She took his hand and marched back to the others. Her face was without emotion and full of authority, like that of a true Confessor.

In Chapter 30, Kahlan repeated the announcement in the Mud People's language. Richard wished she was right and that it was a Lurk rather than the chimes. The message showed that Kahlan accepted that they were being faced with the threat of the chimes. Once she accepted this, it seemed like the others followed suit and like the world had changed.

Richard was so intent on the danger he ignored everything. He asks Du Chaillu why she has come and what they are doing there. Du Chaillu acts put off that now the Caharin wants her to speak. She says they have lost some on the way, but have come to warn him. They have gone without food and sleep or a safe place. She has traveled with the child she was asked to bear when she could have just been an herb woman. He has not acknowledged the fact that she chose to honor his words and accepted the responsibility thrust on her. She says that she carries the child of dogs because it was asked of her. She continues her speech that he has not even invited them to sit with them and rejoice. He has not even asked if they are hungry or thirsty. Richard only shouts and argues that they are not his people and he is ignorant of sacred laws. He dismisses the sacred laws, though many have died by the laws. She has endured the



loss of her husbands and grieved out of Richard's sight so he may not suffer. Richard doesn't ask about her children or how the others fare or even her. She claims that he thinks little of her. She claims that he shames her and turns her back to him.

Richard begins to respond that Du Chaillu should not blame him for the deaths of those people and he tried not to fight or harm them. She said he had a choice to die instead of kill. Richard questions why she would rather expect him to be murdered instead of defend himself, despite the fact that he saved her.

Cara says that he needs to learn to respect his wives more so he can have tranquility. She tells him that she should speak to her, woman to woman to try and smooth things over.

Cara tried to walk off for a private talk and the blade masters advanced and the Mud People blocked them. Richard orders everyone to stop and moved in front of Cara and Du Chaillu to tell Cara to let go of her. She is the spirit woman and therefore not permitted to touch her. They are fractious when it comes to strangers touching them. Cara let go, yet neither group would stand down.

He sees a leather thong around Du Chaillu's neck and discovers it was the whistle from the Bird Man. It was given as a gesture of peace and they owe peace to the gift of the Bird Man's whistle. He focuses on how the two peoples are friends. The Mud People say they will be welcome and safe in their homeland.

Kahlan finally takes Du Chaillu aside and says that she will talk with her. The Baka Tau Mana do not like the idea and neither does Richard. Richard knew by Kahlan's face that it was not his decision to make. He turns to the blade masters and explains that Kahlan is the Mother Confessor and the leader of all of those in the New World. He says that she should be respected like Du Chaillu and if Kahlan harms Du Chaillu, they can take his life.

Cara asks if this is wise, but Richard says that they have a lot of trouble on their hands and do not have time to waste. Richard asked how the men died when they were traveling, if it was by water or fire. One died by water, the other two had "accidents." One fell into the fire and the other started to fly.

Richard saw that the Mud People were beginning to start a fire and he stops Chandalen. He asks why since they want to cook meat and share food. Richard explained that the evil spirit can find people through fire and water. When asked if he is sure, he says yes, that the evil spirits are killing more people.

Chandalen questions Richard because they rely on fire for cooking, making pottery, and making weapons. Chandalen also asks if they can drink water if they are not to go near it. Richard does not have the answers. He only knows that such things can be dangerous and that they can be used to harm people.

Chandalen asked how the evil spirits came to be in this world. Richard explains that Kahlan may have called them forth without intending it to save his life. Chandalen



considers Richard's admission, yet his tone becomes one of confusion and alarm. He was responsible for his people. Richard says that is it and that he also forgot to give information to Zedd that could have been important and now he is probably gone to search for the chimes.

Richard understood the codes which Candalen lived by, such as those of responsibility, obligation and duty despite the fact that they were people from different cultures. They still had similar standards, desires, longings, and fears.

They could not waver from their duty to stop the chimes. This was not open to debate. Richard gives Chandalen a promise to not rest until all are safe from the chimes. Chandalen is happy that he has not forgotten his vow.

Cara says that for a woods guide, he manages to get himself in a lot of trouble. He sees Kahlan and Du Chaillu and their faces do not show emotion. Du Chaillu says that Richard's wife has convinced her to talk to him. Richard decided not to speak yet so that he would not upset her.

In Chapter 31, Du Chaillu walks off and tells them to sit and rest while she speaks with Richard. Kahlan insists that Richard get Cara a blanket, but he gives her a hard time at first and says she can use her own. Kahlan tells him that if he wants someone to submit to his will, he should at least give a small victor so they can retain dignity. He asks why she should get a small victory, but he does not. Kahlan tells him he is a big boy, but the price of getting a blanket for her is small and they should not continue a war with her.

Kahlan recognizes that they know that she made a mistake and was out of line in what she said to you, but that everyone makes mistakes. She did not know the dangers being faced. She merely wants a courtesy to be given to her.

Richard asked if Kahlan threatened her and she said to be gentle as her ears are probably tender since their talk. He asks if they can sit and speak since her words are important and time is also precious. He gave her a blanket and she seemed satisfied with herself. He recalled when he first saw her when she was imprisoned. Despite being naked, filthy, and smelling, she still seemed noble.

She could tell that he had a dusting of magic in her eyes, even though he was not sure of the extent of her powers. Verna tried testing Du Chaillu, but the spells dropped down and yet, they were noticed. Du Chaillu knew she was being tried and was able to annul it. She was somehow able to prevent others from using magic against her.

Du Chaillu's magic could fail if it had not already failed. Richard starts to speak, but she tells him to ask how their people are. Richard glanced at Kahlan and she gives him approval and he begins talking about how glad he was to see she kept the child and he knows it is a great responsibility and that the child will be rewarded. He also says that he was sorry she needed to leave her children to make the journey. He then asks how people in the homeland are. She says that the people in the homeland are well, but that they may talk of them later. She asks where his sword is and he explains he could not bring it with. She questions how he can be a Seeker without the sword, but he says that



the sword is merely a tool used by the seeker. She seems surprised because she liked the sword since it freed her without killing her.

He apologizes for being in a hurry and explains that it is for innocent lives that he needs to hurry. She explains that she had a troubling vision of him. They argue about the validity of visions as being prophecy verses a form of dreams.

She said that she dreamt he was on fire, but he counters with the fact that he has dreams of being able to fly, but that it does not necessarily mean it is true. She insists that her dream is prophecy and true. He wants to try to go and then softens his tone because he assumes there is something more.

Richard asks how she found him and then she says she is the spirit woman, the keeper of the old laws and also his wife. She said it was harder to know where he was. She said the visions told her that she needed to go to him before he was lost to her. He senses there is more and prods her. She says that she believes a great army will come. When he asks if she had a vision of it, she says no and says that they saw the army. She said that she was ashamed to tell him because they were frightened by them and did not want to admit her fear.

She says that they will not be able to fight off this enemy. She describes how vast the army is and says they did not come through their homeland and that all will die and they have no hope against the foe. She says she must admit her fear and say they are frightened. She says that Richard is without fear, but he says he is sometimes afraid. He was terrified because of the chimes and because of the war. She explains that they are headed to the Midlands.

General Reisbech was marching east to guard the southern parts of the Midlands, but his forces still may not be large enough to take on the Imperial Order. Jagang had wizards and Ssitters in the army, including some of the Sisters of the Light.

He is thankful she came to tell her and says the news is helpful. She said they captured two leaders and found out that they planned to return and wipe out the Baka Tau Mana.

The forces would need a massive amount of supplies and food and the New World would help support their conquests. He thinks aloud about potential plans, like moving people before Jagang can reach them. There is some dread in her eyes.

They decide that they must go to Aydindril. His sword is there and they hope to find a way to stop the chimes there. Richard was connected to the Sword of Truth. She said that the they are going west. They shadowed the army and they also knew him by name, Richard Rahl. He wonders if it is possible that the vision was actually the vision of hatred they have in their hearts and it may be an impression of an idea, not necessarily an event.

They planned to go to the ocean, which is where there is a fast supply of food. Kahlan said that they are in trouble and Richard agreed because Reibisch is heading in the wrong direction. They are going to Toscla, which is now called Anderith from Joseph



Ander who was a wizard known as "The Mountain." Kolo said he was the one they sent to deal with the chimes.

In Chapter 32, Richard is focused on the image of endless soldiers coming from the Old World. The world may be dead because of the chimes before Jagang can conquer the Midlands. Kahlan says they need to address the chimes. They determine that they must go to Aydindril to go to the Wizard's Keep. If they don't act fast enough, it may be too late.

Cara says that she needs her Agiel to work again so she can protect them. She agrees that they must go to Aydindril.

Richard worries about Zedd and that he is trying to put them out of harm and is going to try to deal with the issue himself. Richard thinks the information they have about Joseph Ander may help. Richard says that the spirits know they need to get to Aydindril and he does not want to overlook anything. They decide it is necessary to go to Aydindril. Richard still questions the decision to go to Aydindril, but Cara says that going there would still be of value, especially to get the sword and to see about Kolo's journal.

Berdine is there and also may have translated more about the chimes. Richard says that it is true and that Kolo said the chimes are simpler to counter than they thought, though they had Subtractive Magic. Richard had it too, but did not know how to use it.

For Kahlan, it is clear they should go, but Richard still feels divided. Richard sometimes felt like he was an imposter as Lord Rahl and sometimes felt like giving up. He wished Zedd told him the truth as lives hung in the balance.

Kahlan asks Richard why he is unsure and Richard wonders if the chimes are perhaps not as big of a threat as they feared. Kahlan counters with the fact that they have already killed people.

Du Chaillu asks how Jagang leads the people and if he uses magic. They speak of Jagang as a tyrant and the people he leads. The army is driven by a desire for pleasure and they tend to their pleasures as they continue on their conquest. They have supplies, food, and even tables and chairs. They unpack it all each night as though in a palace. They travel with comforts and they move like a slow river.

She said the Baka Tau Mana travel swiftly, though Richard thought it was a false boat, but not by much. She thought a horse was an evil beast. They had travelled to Renwold with its great walls. She said the Jagang army had visited there and butchered all after they spent days there. Du Chaillu is heartsick and wept about what she saw. The blade masters turn away instead of seeing her cry.

She said there was one man who survived, though he did not say how, but the man was crazy and carried the head of a rotting child and talked to it, asking for forgiveness. It was Ambassador Seldon who visited Aydindril during the attack. The Ambassador sought neutrality in order to maintain the safety of his people. She had told the





Ambassador that the Imperial Order would not view it in that way. They thought they would be safe behind their walls.

Du Chaillu begs him that they at least send someone to warn them, so they might flee rather than be tortured and butchered. The Anderith people must be warned. They speak of the irony of D'Hara.

Anderith has been given some terms and would be entitled to honest and equal treatment. Renwold, however, did not believe them. They speak of the army that the Anderith have and then Kahlan says that their real weapon is Dominie Dirtch. Dominie Dirtch is an ancient weapon of magic. Anderith is nearly immune to attack and are nearly autonomous. The relationship between the Anders and the Mother Confessors has been tenuous and they are proud, thinking themselves better than others.

Dominie Dirtch consists of a bell like monument that emit a deep knell and nobody has been able to survive the death zone. It takes flesh off of bones. Richard considers this and tells himself that it would be too high of a risk to rely on Dominie Dirtch to take down Jagang's army.

Richard considers that Jagang wants to invade Anderith to get its food stores. He considers going there first, but she says that he promised Zedd they would go to Aydindril.

He does not want to give Jagang the opportunity to get behind the Dominie Dirtch and use it to his advantage.

They speak about the possibility of books in the Library of Culture having the answer for them. They consider the issue of the chimes and what Zedd told them. He speaks of the pairings of books and the wizard's keep. Richard poses the possibility that the book destroyed was a journey book.



# Chapters 33 to 36

## Chapters 33 to 36 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 33, Kahlan was speechless as Richard wondered if the other half of the book exists and even though Kahlan says it may be possible, it may not be the case. People are not always appreciated in their own time and their books may be destroyed. Kahlan states that sometimes people are revered and then become valuable as a symbol.

Richard was attracted to Joseph Ander's legacy though he did not have any proof that it was anything more than his imagination. The hair stands up on the back of his neck and he wonders where Du Chaillu went. He called out and when there was no response, the blade masters sprang to action. They become frantic in search of her.

Richard finds her face down in the water and believes she died and that there is no spirit in her body. Cara suggests that the spirit might still be with her. Cara gives his wrist a tug. The Mord Sith shared her breath with him and he was horrified that she did not have more respect for life. Her chest rose and sank and Cara did it again. Richard was about to stop her, but he sensed it was more than what he thought. One of the blade masters tried to stop her, but Richard shook his head. Richard could not watch the ritual and turned away, then heard Da Chaillu choking for breath. Du Chaillu gasped, vomited, and then threw up. Richard asked how she did that and Cara asked if Denna did not teach him to share the breath of life.

Cara asked Richard how he thought Denna kept him from death so long when she tortured him. Denna was Darken Rahl's favorite because she was the best and could keep a captive alive and on the verge of death longer than other Mord Siths.

Richard did not think that such a thing was possible. Richard praised her and she scowled at him, stating that any Mord Sith would have known how to do it. Richard said he has only taken the breath of life, not given it. Cara is irritated that people thought she did something compassionate.

In Chapter 34, Du Chaillu is tended to by the blade masters. The blankets were not sufficient and Richard told them they could make a fire if they stayed together to reduce the chance of surprises. She was still quite sick. Richard's beliefs had been skewed and his thinking was changed. He no longer doubted what they needed to do. Kahlan and everyone else watched Da Chaillu with fascination, but Cara only thought that it was ordinary.

Richard asked if someone got past the Dominie Dirtch at some point and Kahlan explains that it is said someone did, but it is disputed among those outside of Anderith. She tells the story of how Anderith was once invaded by the Hakens, who made it past the Dominie Dirtch. Many were slaughtered, but some made it past and conquered Anderith. The Hakes were superior in their weapons and the Anders bickered about who



would direct their forces. The Haken were literate and had a grasp of higher mathematics and architecture. The Hakes created irrigation systems. Haken ways supplanted the Ander ways and they were harsh, but not brutal. They enfolded the Anders into the Haken society.

Richard gives Cara some herbs to give to Da Chaillu and then continues speaking with Kahlan.

Kahlan says that "culture carries no privilege to exist." The Hakens were a people who valued fairness and they thought it was needed to create an orderly and prosperous society. Hakens have given increasing freedom to Anders and they also started to feel shame for what ancestors did to the Ander people.

Their notion of justice was the downfall of the Haken people. Anders were able to make advances and started to seize power. Anders used their freedom to gain status with labor trades and guilds. The Anders became moneylenders. Anders had a talent for business and were able to gain financial power. Hakens became complacent. Anders took on all aspects of teaching. During a drought, they made their move on Haken rule. The economy collapsed and the hakens feared to displease the moneylenders. There were riots, people died, and many rose up. There was much chaos. The Anders who were well off purchased food from abroad. The government was blamed for the starvation and anarchy fell on the land.

Well-educated Hakens were purged and every Haken of accomplishment was put to death. The Anders seized power and brought order. Anders changed the order of everything and decided that no Haken could judge an Ander. Hakens submitted to Ander authority. The Anders were ruthless in pressing their advantage. Haken people were forbidden to hold power, the right of a surname was denied to the Hakens unless deemed worthy, and they were not allowed to intermarry. Haken oppression has continued and is interpreted as a projection of hate. Hakens are not able to learn to read because of the fear that they would seize rule and butcher the Anders. They even attend penance assembly to keep them in line.

The Hakens see this as a way of peace in the land. The Hakens submit and they were taught by the Anders that this way is better. Richard believes this is a perversion of justice. Kahlan explains that the Confessors interceded when the rulers stepped out of bounds. Kahlan says that things like what happened in Anderith helps her believe in what Richard is trying to accomplish.

Richard asks if she believes that Anderith will join them. She explains how they are ruled, including the Sovereign and the Directors and what roles they have. They also explain the role of the Minister of Culture. The Anders are no longer primitive. They have wealth and they trade. The Anders cannot be easily won over. However, the Jagang has shown what he does to people who refuse to join.

In Chapter 35, Richard said that he knew that they were going the wrong way. Kahlan and Cara still believe they must go to Aydindril and Richard believes that he needs to go



to Aydindril. Richard reminds them that he is the seeker and he needs to do his job. Richard says that she is right, that they are not all going to Anderith and she gets upset that they should not separate now. She is upset after all it took for them to be together. He says that only one of them needs to go to Aydindril. He says they are going to Anderith and that Cara must go to Aydindril. He says they must go to Anderith because of Dominie Dirtch and to try and get them to join them. They need to try to find a way to destroy Jagang's army.

Cara says they must all go to Aydindril because she is the Mord Sith and must protect her. Kahlan says that he needs his sword and that they need to do as asked. Richard says that he knows he made a mistake before, but that he cannot allow the mistake to make him flinch from his duty.

He forces Kahlan to choose what to do as the Mother Confessor. Cara says it is her duty to protect the Lord Rahl, but Richard reminds her that they are all bonded in friendship. She continues to state that she wants to guard him, but he asks how it is like to be without the Agiel. Richard says that he feels it is the same way about the Sword of Truth. Richard says that Cara is more than a Mord Sith to them. He would prefer it no weapon was needed. He explains that he needs his sword and orders her to go there and back as soon as possible.

She is to take horses from General Reisbich's army to make better time and also to tell him the whole story. She will also have the General send a Mord Sith to protect him. He needs enough for an impressive escort since Kahlan's power could fail. They will need swordsmen, lancers, archers, horses and messengers. Reibisch should also shadow Jagang's men so they know where they are going. They should not risk their men unless absolutely necessary.

Richard and Cara discuss what she must do in the enclave. Cara is also supposed to tell Berdine everything. She is to deal with the sword and the bottle first. They decide to talk to Du Chaillu about the chimes before they leave. He gives her a warning that he is not sure how the magic will affect her. He says if she kills with it, it gives pain and it may even be worse. Cara says she will not forgive him for making her leave without protection, but Du Chaillu says that they will not be without protection. He says they should go back to her people, but she says that they must protect the Caharin. He does not want them to risk their lives.

She says that before they left, they told their people they were dead and would not be returned unless they were able to return. She said they will only be able to return if Cara returns safely with his sword. Du Chaillu says they are not asking for permission, but are going to travel with him.

Richard is angry and then Kahlan says she also made such a covenant at one time and understands that it is sacred and should not be ignored. She says they must come with him. Du Chaillu thanks her for honoring her ways and says she is wise and worthy of being a wife to Richard. Kahlan says that her men will be welcome protection and that pride is the last thing they should consider. Richard gives in.



In Chapter 36, Fitch listened as some of the women wept and Fitch could not blame them as he too sometimes wept during penance assembly. The lessons learned were needed to fight their Haken ways. When Master Spink would lecture, Fitch preferred to look at the floor instead of look at him in the eyes. Spink tells the story of the Hakens and how the Hakens turned Dominie Dirtch against the Ander men.

Fitch was not as proud of his messenger garb as he was earlier. Spink commented on his new uniform and Fitch made a comment about being given a new job. Spink made a comment about Hakens having excuses for their crimes. Spink continues to comment on the Haken abuse that Anders suffer. Fitch says he was sorry and wore it out of pride and he was wrong to let his sinful nature rule him. Those at the penance service fell to their knees.

Fitch wanted the lesson to be over. People collapsed and prayed for the good spirits to weep for the slain Anders. He had a hard time imagining anyone doing something so horrific, but then he thought that Spink would not lie to them about something so important.

Fitch and the others burst out and were glad to be done with the penance session. Beata came out of the session and Fitch asked how she was doing and commented on the way she looked. She then commented on his being in love with his uniform. He thought she would like the way he looked in the uniform. She comments on the next penance assembly and what the Haken beasts did to the women, then commented on how it might be fun as if he was there watching. Fitch stormed off.

An Ander woman asked about Beata and said she was pretty hard on him, then he said he deserved it. Though when asked why, he said he didn't know. Her long hair showed she was somehow important. She suggests that if he likes her, it could be arranged for her to like him. He says he can't afford it. He says he would prefer that a girl would like him just because, not because of a spell. She patted his back and said a wizard once told her that magic was not a substitute for people caring about you. This was back in Aydindril.

She introduces herself as Franca. She is supposed to walk back to the estate too. Fitch says that he would like to walk with her if it is okay. She says that she has a stigma as well, for having magic and they walk together. It is not that they do not like her, just that they fear her. He thought she was fascinating, even though she was old. He asks about the band around her neck and she says that it brings up bad memories. She shows him a nasty scar from Serin Rajak and his followers, who tried to kill her because of her magic.

Serin Rajak hates those with magic. There was a mob of men set on hurting others. She describes what they did. He asks if Serin Rajak was Haken, but she explains that you do not need to be Haken to be bad. She started to look sad and he decided to ask her what the Wizard's Keep is like. She starts to describe it.



# Chapter 37 to 40

## Chapter 37 to 40 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 37m Lady Chanboor came into Dalton Campbell's office and she asks why Dalton always needs to be so proper. Hildemara Chanboor did not make visits to inquire about mundane matters and she was like a chill wind before the storm. She comments that his wife is a lucky woman and he says her husband is lucky. She said that word is that his wife is faithful to her and that he is equally faithful. She compliments him that she is an exceptional man. She said he did a good job with Winthrop and Linscott. She said that what her husband does is his business if they are discreet, but if it makes her the butt of jokes, it is another thing entirely.

Campbell says that Claudine should not be an issue. He says that she has become revered because of the law. She says that reverence is dangerous because it gives her power. They discuss what the accusation of rape might mean. She says that the Office of Cultural Amity may invite Claudine to testify and that the Directors fear Bertrand and Lady Chanboor. Offenses may disqualify him from consideration for Sovereign.

Lady Chanboor decides that she wants her killed. Her selfishness and boundless hatred could become ugliness. He says that if it is what she wants, it will be done. She said it should not look like an accident; it should look like a killing. It is meant to be a warning. Dalton had a plan that would fit the requirements and needed to admit that Hildemar had valid arguments. Lady Chanboor says that she respects Dalton's ability and that Bertrand does have an ability to find people who can accomplish what needs to be done even though ordering a murder was worse than the accusation of rape. However, he also knew that he may someday need something that she could influence. She also says that though she may not be able to castrate Bertrand, she could castrate Dalton.

In Chapter 38, Fitch never realized the rags he was in until he was in his messenger uniform for a while. He relished the respect he had as a messenger and hated putting on his old clothes. He heard a minstrel sing. The music made his heart beat faster. They looked pretty scruffy in their clothes and their clothes would probably mean that nobody would recognize them. Most young Haken men wore rags. Most of the young Haken hoped to be hired for a task, like working on farms. Morley's boots creaked and he went with Fitch. The possibility of being a messenger at some point was enough for Morley. Morley was glad that he was being asked to go with. Fitch did not want to let Dalton Campbell down.

They look down the road and see Claudine Winthrop and a finely dressed Ander man with a sword. Rowley gave the Ander man a rolled message, but Fitch was too far away to hear the words. The man put the paper in his pocket and turned his attention back to Claudine. She was smiling, then the man seemed to bid her good night. Campbell sent the message with Rowley. The message was delivered and then Rowley vanished.



Rowley was a confident young man and he treated Fitch kindly. Claudine turned back to the estate and she seemed more covered up than she had been before. Rowley made sure that the carriage was delayed. Claudine quickened her pace and he wanted to be one of the messengers.

Fitch did not want to go back to Fetch and wanted to prove himself. They were crouching down and then lunged for the woman. Claudine tried to call out and she fought for her life. They put a rag in her mouth and gagged her. They dragged her down the road. Together, there were 5 men. They went out of sight and through a wheat field and Fitch said he warned her and yet, she still continued speaking against the Minister of Culture. She shook her head in denial. Fitch hit her face and he continued. He broke her jaw. The rest of the men were on her and punched her. They continued pummeling her and kicked her. Though he thought he was doing something important, he was sickened by what was happening and wanted to run away, yet he was excited to be one of the men. They felt a sense of camaraderie and brotherhood. They heard a sound and froze. They stood and listened when the carriage stopped. They all ran off to wash off the blood.

In Chapter 39, Inger comes to Master Campbell's office. The murder of Claudine Winthrop created an uproar in the city, but confusion created opportunity and this was Dalton's element. He made sure that Stein addressed the Directors at the time of the murder so that he would not be a suspect, especially with his cape of scalps.

The guard reported that Winthrop walked down the road and that Haken men gathered that night, drinking. Guards started to escort people who walked at night. Edwin Winthrop was bedridden from shock and demanded justice.

Several were arrested and then it was discovered they were working at a farm that night. Some men in a tavern went in search of the killers, found Haken boys, and then beat them to death. The issue gave the minister the chance to allude to those who opposed him for Sovereign because of stirring up contempt for law. It also weakened the Directors who were suspicious of the Minister.

The decision was made to increase taxes to fund measures and the Minister gained control over the economy. Bertrand liked being at the center of it all and Lady Chanboor was happy, which was all that mattered for Dalton.

Dalton said that Inger should take his issue to Mr. Drummond who is the kitchen master. He should know how to order meat for a feast. Healers often visited the estate, though it did not mean that the Minister needed healing. The biggest danger for Bertrand was a jealous husband, though it was unlikely because husbands usually earned favor from the trusts their wives had with officials.

When Bertrand was Sovereign, feelings would no longer be of concern. Being with Bertrand as a Sovereign would be a holy experience and would be considered blessed by the Creator. Husbands would push his wife into the Sovereign's bed if solicited. Dalton sees a message that Lady Chanboor failed to go the orphanage. He considered



that maybe she was the one who was sick or perhaps she was with her husband at his bedside.

Waiting for the Sovereign to die was like walking on a tightrope. They had expectations. All they could do was wait and be ready.

Dalton continued going through his messages. Rowley knocks again and says that there is an issue at the estate and wants to speak with Dalton about it. Dalton calls him Master Inger. He says that he has a good business, especially with providing food for the estate. Dalton asks if he could help him in some way. Inger explains that he respects all who work for him, including the Hakens. He mentions Beata's name and the alarms went off in Dalton's head. He says she suddenly does not want to deliver to the estate and she refused to deliver for the feast. Beata refused to tell her why she did not want to return to the estate and she cried. It was the second time he has seen her cry. He said she was once proud to deliver there. He says that most likely someone had their way with her and that she was not willing. He says it seems like more than one young man hurt her. He asks him to look into it.

Campbell assures him that this is considered very serious and would look into it. Fitch comes in the room and talks with him and talks about the first day they met in a hall. He asks if he remembered what else happened that day. They talk about Beata smacking him. He says it was her own fault for fawning over him and thinking he was wonderful. Dalton thought that Fitch liked her and then he says he did, but he was worn down after a while. It is hard to like someone who hates you.

Dalton says that he might be like Claudine Winthrop and trying to claim rape. When he says he doubts that, he says she refused to deliver there and Inger figured it out. Fitch hesitates to handle her the same way as Claudine and Dalton questions if he lost interest in getting his sir name. There was the suggestion that perhaps someone would talk to her before it became necessary to protect the Minister and he might go somewhere else, like to work on a farm. Dalton hoped that Fitch would handle it on his own, though he knew Rowley would if needed.

In Chapter 40, Spink's boots thumped as he walked and people were sobbing about the Ander women. Fitch thought he knew about the lessons, but it was more horrible than he thought. His understanding of sex changed. The women tried to sit together and the men tried to sit on the other side, but Spink made them sit together.

Fitch never heard such things before. Spink focuses in on Fitch again, asking if he thinks he is somehow better in his uniform, but Fitch says no. Spink asks if they think they are better and about half raise their hands and he becomes enraged, saying they are no better and that their hateful ways still continue.

Spink comments on Winthrop and how before she died, she knew that they were no different than the Haken overlords. He claimed that she shared the same fate, but Fitch knew that she died quickly. He assumed that they were raped by Hakens. He says that





it was probably 30-40 men who raped her. Fitch wanted to speak up and tell the truth and explain they did it for the Minister, but he stayed quiet.

Spink says that all of the Hakens in the room raped and murdered her. He turns them away and says to leave and think of how they can be better people. Fitch waits outside and whispers to Beata and he looks over at her. He says he needs to talk to her. He grabs her and insists on talking with her. She fights him and says to get his filthy Haken hands off of her and she slaps him, but he hits her back this time. He wants to get her attention, not hurt her. He says that she needs to listen to him and that he is in trouble. She says she will tell Inger, but he says she has already told her enough. She finally listens and he explains what happened with Inger and that he figured out what happened. She eyes him and asks how he heard this, but he merely says he that as a messenger, he is around important people and that they see it as her trying to hurt the Minister.

He says that if she says more, she will be seen as a liar and a threat. She seems to question him, but Fitch had realized that the Anders were not pure or perfect. She says that he probably does not want to admit how disgusting Haken men are. He questions her about where Spink probably got all of the information. He tells about what happened to Winthrop and that she gave herself to him, then changed her mind and was going to claim rape, then ended up dead.

Beata became silent and that she has no intention of telling him. He says it's too late for it and that he already said that it was possible and that he demands justice. She says she will refuse to tell what happened, but he says that she could be named a criminal, nobody would hire her and she would become a prostitute. She says they could stand together and tell the truth, but he reminds her they cannot take on the Minister of Culture. He reminded her that Winthrop was an Ander and important and she still ended up dead.

She claims that it is the truth, but then he talks about the way she acted that day and that perhaps she was demanding afterwards. He says that all he got was a slap in the face and that she never said anything to him. For all he knows, she could have been willing.

She says that all she did was tempt him with her Haken nature and that she did not mean to and that what happened is her fault. She says she can't pretend she wanted it though, as she tried to fight them off, but they were stronger. Beata asks what she should do, then he says he only sees one option.



# Chapter 41 to 44

## Chapter 41 to 44 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 41, Dalton served Teresa some food during a feast and was tired and bored. His focus was the minister, but he needed to handle some other matters instead of laughing at the Minister's jokes. Bertrand then asked Lady Chanboor to forgive his joke, but she dismissed it and added that he was incorrigible.

Tess asks what the joke was and Dalton said that when they got home, he would demonstrate it. Dalton saw one of the Directors in the middle of a serious conversation. Most people in the room seemed to discuss Claudine Winthrop and Dalton and Bertrand discuss the tragedy. They discuss the frail grip that they have on the ideals they cherish and the hope to live in a peaceful society.

They talk about the Sovereign possibly being ill. He mentions how nice it would be to have a noble woman like her praying for her. Dalton caught the eye of Franca Gowenlock and saw that there was an impediment to her powers.

There was an issue with the ovens earlier in the day and the bread was deemed unfit. A woman was burned earlier that day. The Minister asks if they have any evidence about the murder of Winthrop and Dalton said he hoped to reach a conclusion to the investigation soon. They talk about the concern they have that they are not taking the matter seriously. Hildemara says that it must be solved. Dalton says that he is bound to his oath to find the true killers and not accuse someone falsely. He made a statement about not wanting to be considered incompetent by the Mother Confessor, the Sovereign and the Directors. He wanted to ensure the risks were understood.

The Minister says that he cannot allow anyone to be falsely accused as it would be a terrible injustice. They say they want a resolution and then Hildemara comments on the rape of a Haken girl and the possible connection between the crimes. They talk about how she may be trying to cover up a pregnancy out of marriage and that her name is trying to be uncovered. Bertrand says that it is important to solve the crime before the Haken girl goes before a magistrate. She shouldn't be humiliated.

Stein gets mad that the bread is burned and Dalton says he should cut the crust off, but Stein becomes angry that witches are casting spells to burn the bread. Stein claims he could help them find the witches. Dalton again warns Stein to watch his words. Dalton comments on the girl being forced to give when she was not willing. Dalton says he will personally slit his throat. Dalton says he should say he was making a crude joke. Stein says that he and Campbell are alike. Stein has something to say.

In Chapter 42, Fitch and Morley hurried through the corridor. Being a messenger was like a dream come true for Fitch. Fitch could hear the music from the feast. They hoped



to get back to their rum soon, especially since Morley found a girl who wanted to get drunk with them. Fitch also wanted to forget the talk with Beata.

Dalton says they have trouble regarding Claudine Winthrop. He says they were seen. Dalton said he saw Fitch and Morley wash themselves and that the man also knows their names and that they work at the estate. Fitch became panicked and knew they would be put to death.

Dalton takes a leather pouch from his desk and puts it on his desk. Fitch imagines being put to death. Dalton says he wants them to take the pouch and that he feels horrible, especially since they have shown they can be trusted. However, they would be put to death for Winthrop. Dalton can't tell anyone anything. His responsibility is to the Minister and that nobody would listen to him anyways with emotions running so high.

Dalton says they should take the money and get away and they should go far away so that they will not be found. Dalton says that he never should have raped Beata and Fitch is obviously upset. Fitch tries to refuse the money since he has a wife, but Campbell insists and orders it.

Campbell said they should go far away. They could get new jobs and start a new life. They could even buy swords and court a woman properly. Dalton says that if they stay there, they will be put to death. Campbell says they should get horses, but not steal them. They should act normal and not suspicious. They should not spend the money on prostitutes or alcohol. He says that the money should last a few years if they spend it wisely. It will allow them to establish new lives.

Dalton returns to the feast and Tessa tells Bertrand that he should tell Dalton he works too hard. Bertrand agrees and says that his wife is not interested in hearing his stories. Dalton says the reports were sensationalized and that there were only two men and he gives their names. Dalton says that they stole money and escaped, but a search is underway. Dalton says they raped Claudine and Beata and stole from the estate.

Dalton says that Beata also ran off. If she returns, they will interrogate her. Hildemara says that the people will demand an execution, but Dalton says that the fact that they ran shows their guilt. Dalton says that much more could bring in the Mother Confessor. An execution would bring quite a bit of risk. Bertrand agrees with Dalton and Hildemara relents.

Bertrand says he will make the announcement the next day with Edwin Winthrop, if he is better. Bertrand says that he earned a reward and Dalton says he has that planned.

Fitch and Morley rushed down the halls and then Fitch got an idea to dress Morley. They are looking for a scullion and a messenger, but if they both change, they will be two messengers. Morley tossed the shirt aside and Fitch scolds him and Morley wants to know why. He explains that they will know they took the clothes and this way, they can get away better. Morley folds the shirt. Morley looked almost noble in the uniform. Fitch tells him to put on a pair of boots and the guards approach, then the guards leave. Morley wants to stop for a drink, but Fitch says he doesn't want to be put to death for a



drink and that they can buy one later. He says they should not stay longer than necessary.

Fitch realized they would never need to go to penance assembly again. Morley wanted to go back and get his things, but didn't have much worth dying for. Morley says that he'll be glad to never work in the kitchen again after what happened there. Morley explains what happened with the fire and that Gillie was badly burned. Neither feel very sympathetic for Gillie.

They decide to travel by night and hide during the day and that they should take turns taking watch. Fitch said they can get some horses and still make some distance. They wonder how they will get past the army at the Dominie Dirtch, but Fitch decides they should say they have urgent business and that they must go.

In Chapter 43, Beata was outside a gate that read 23. She couldn't read the sign. She had a bag with her, but she did not have that many belongings and they were mostly keepsakes given to her. Inger gave her a lot of food, including meat, like sausages. Inger gave her a letter and read it to her before she left since she could not read. Inger did not want her to leave, but there were others he could hire and he could have hired a man stronger than her. He cared for her like a daughter and his eyes were red and Beata nearly cried again. She said that if she stayed, he would only have trouble because of it. She said she could be hurt or killed and she was afraid. Beata always tried to do right and not cause any trouble. She wanted to act better than her Haken nature.

Beata had never been anywhere except Fairfield. Although it was intimidating, it was exciting. Beata had walked six days to get there. She asks why she came there and Beata explains that it was at Inger, the butcher's counsel that she decided to go there. Beata gives her the letter and says it is her dream to be there, to do good. Beata is accepted into the Anderith army. The Lieutenant says that Hakens cannot be completely cleansed of their nature, but she will be valued there and will be able to do good. She was supposed to go throw her stuff out. They were keepsakes, but the Lt. said that it would help her forget her old life. She is able to keep the letter since it is a recommendation.

She is supposed to throw the pin out too as Anderith will provide what she needs. The Lieutenant said that she is smart and accepts what is asked of her. The Lt. says that in a couple of weeks, she might be able to be in charge of her own squad. They talk about fighting at the basic level and that brawn is not necessary. The Lt. also talks about what women bring to the army. She says that she will be a valued part of the Twenty-Third Regiment and will be able to serve the Minister.

Beata told Inger the truth about what happened before she left.

Captain Tolbert praised Beata and she found praise to be odd. She had years of experience with blades. Haken girls were able to touch blades, while Haken boys were used to lift and lug things. They are taught not to laugh at fellow soldiers, even if they



were Haken. Beata is asked about a possible punishment for a boy in the group and they need to dig a new latrine. They learned not to complain. After 2 weeks, Beata was named sergeant. Marching with the sword became a chore. The group approached Dominie Dirtch and remembered how the Hakens murdered Anders with those weapons.

Captain Tolbert gives Beata orders to keep the men and women separate and he shows her the different buildings. He shows them the border of Anderith and she becomes proud that she is protecting the border. The Captain says that they will be under the charge of Beata and he gives directions. Supplies are meant to come every 2 weeks. Their duty is to tend to Dominie Dirtch. Sergeant Beata is supposed to make sure that the defense of her soldiers is coordinated. For the first time, Beata knew that she was doing good and was living her dream.

In Chapter 44, a soldier gave a kick to Annalina Aldurren, the former Prelate of the sisters of the Light and begged among them. Some soldiers showed some interest in her until they saw her. She declined their offers. They did not think much of her wandering among them and they continued eating and telling stories. They just grunted at her as she went along. Ann had been searching for almost a week and she was growing weary and impatient. Some of the beggars felt sympathy for her technique and they give her guidance. Ann did not trust anyone in the camp. Ann was upset with the direction of their travel. Ann was not a tactician and she assumed they would attack the New World. Jagang did not do anything without reason. She had been watching Jagang for almost 20 years. He was ungovernable, brutal, corrupt and inequitable.

The Sisters of the Light had a higher purpose than governance. She and her sisters tried to bring out mankind's better nature. She kept an eye on rulers so they did not interfere with the Creator's gift. Jagang's commitment to eliminating magic overstepped matters. Ann was worrying about the direction that Jagang was taking. It was possible that Jagang was not marching off for exploration, exploitation or conquest. She hoped to find Jagang's tents because she wanted to find the Sisters of the Light. If her gift had been working, she would have been able to sense that the Sisters of the Light were nearby. Not being able to use her gift was like being denied the gift of the Creator. Without her gift, she was no longer any different from anyone else. She was not much different from a beggar.

Zedd needed to banish the chimes, at least if he could. She would be helpless for the time being. Ann stopped when she was addressed by the term prelate and saw Sister Georgia Cifaro. They knew each other for over 500 years. Sister Georgia is shocked, especially since she saw her body burn on a funeral pyre. Verna had taken her place as Prelate, but that was how it needed to be and Ann wrote those orders.

Sister Georgia says that the men are beasts. She tells her to straighten up and to act as a Sister of the Light. Eternal souls are their focus. Ann asks if all are together, but she says that some of them have sworn themselves to the Nameless One and that Sisters of the Dark are in their order. Sister Georgia says that she should get out or she will be killed or captured. Ann explains that she is there to help them escape. Ann says that the



chimes are loose. When Sister Georgia says it is not possible, Ann asks why her power is gone and she asks why Sister Georgia's power is gone. She said she assumed that they can't open themselves to Han. Jagang allows it if he wants something.

Ann hushes her. She says that the dream walker is in their minds, but Ann reminds her that his magic has failed as well. Ann tells her to show her where the other Sisters are before they get caught there. Ann says that they are not allowed to refuse the soldiers. Ann pressures her to bring her to the other Sisters.



# Chapter 45 to 48

## Chapter 45 to 48 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 45, Ann ducks inside the tent. She went to a group of women who looked like frightened children. They had suffered unspeakable abuse. Sister Rochelle shoos the beggar away. Ann looked at the women and many barely had any clothes and wore rags. Ann addressed the sisters. The Sisters of the Light were women with strength, fortitude, and intelligence, but she feared what it had taken to reduce them to such a state.

The women start to weep and pray, but Ann stops them and says that they have important business. Ann tells them why she has come and that there must be a balance to everything. Sister Georgia says that the chimes are loose. She explains that Jagang let loose a plague that killed thousands of people, including orphans. Sister Amelia was the one who gave the plague to Jagang.

Richard used his power to stop the plague, but also contracted it. The Mother Confessor used magic. Nathan escaped. Nathan told the Mother Confessor the names of the chimes to save his life to save Richard. She explains that Jagang's magic is also useless and that the chimes have caused magic to fail. The Sisters are concerned that Jagang is in their head as a dream walker. Ann explains that magic is gone and has failed. A Sister says that they aren't allowed to use their gifts without permission and would not be able to tell when their power has returned. She says there is a way to prevent the dream walker from entering their mind. They tell the Prelate to leave to avoid being caught. Ann tells them they can all get away. They ask how he was not able to get Ann, then she explains that she is protected.

Gifted descendants of Rahl are born with a bond that protects them from dream walkers. A dream walker cannot enter the mind of anyone bonded to Rahl. They say they are not his people, but she says they must only swear loyalty and they will be safe. The women again argue with her and Ann tries to remind herself that they have been intimidated and frightened. She says that with the chimes, Jagang cannot enter their minds. When chimes are banished and if they are sworn to Richard, they will be protected.

The other sisters are not with them and Ann wants them to leave, but the sisters have been passed around for the soldiers as whores for his men. Ann says that it ends then and that they are no longer slaves. They have a plan and Sister Ann explains that if they wait too long, they will need to leave without them. Their joy had faded and they became distant. They merely wanted to escape from the terror.

Sister Rochelle and Sister Georgia point out that the Prelate is present. There are 4 guards there. They forced her to the ground and put her in chains. The Sisters did not watch. The men leave with two of the women. Ann asked why and a few sisters wept.



The Sisters say that they tried to escape, but that many died and that they were taught that it was a grave offense.

Ann says that they may have been victims before, but now they remain by choice and that they lied in the cause of evil. She says that they are no better than the Sisters of the Dark. Jagang enters the tent. She introduces herself as the former Prelate.. He focuses on how he has never had a Prelate before. Sister Cherna dies in Ann's lap. He says he could send his arms to Richard or trade her for something of value. He claims her as his property.

Jagang says that the sisters gave her up, but she comments on Cherna, who sought her out in her final moments. He claims that Subtractive Magic still works. Jagang knocks her unconscious.

In Chapter 46, Zedd came to visit Franca Gowenlock who does not welcome the stranger that knock on her door. After introducing himself as First Wizard, Franca can hardly speak as she recovers from the shock. Zedd and Franca know each other from when she was a little girl and Zedd knew her desist mother.

After some chit chat, Franca tell Zedd that, just has he did help her mother once, she now needs his help. Franca's powers have failed and nothing she did worked.

Zeed cuts Franca with the news that the chimes are loose.

Franca is shock and has trouble believing Zeed and tries to explain him that her losing her power must have been because a lesser witch must have casted a spell on her.

Zedd cuts Franca again explaining that the chimes are loose because the mother Confessor accidentally free them while saving Zedd's grandson.

Zedd explain to Franca that he need help from her as his magic also failed and that all the magic is failing.

Franca asks Zedd to give her as much information as he can on the situation.

Zedd tells Franca that Richard was fathered by Darken Rahl during a rape. Zedd also tell Franca that Lord Rahl has both side of the gift and is a war wizzard.

Franca realize that the mother Confessor pledge Lord Rahl's soul to the chimes and that the chimes having access to Lord Rahl would have terrible consequences but Zedd assures her that he sent both the mother confessor and Lord Rahl in save places where the Chimes cannot get them.

Franca tells Zedd that he needs the Creator himself.

Folowing a question about a neck band Franca is wearing, Franca explain to Zedd how she was nearly killed by Serin Rojak and his followers who like to burn witches and wizards in an effort to destroy magic.





Zedd is surprised to know that the Order has people in Franca's town. Franca tell Zedd that some are concerned about the Order's influence and even considered asking the Mother Confessor to come and investigate. Zedd tell Franca that the Chimes would need to be banished first for Mother Confessor to have her powers back.

Zedd tell Franca that Anderith will have to surrender to Richard and the army he is forming to resist the Imperial Order. Zedd explain to Franca that Richard wants to unite the rule under fair law but Franca think it is a childish dream.

Zedd tells Franca that the chimes were buried in Toscla, now Anderith and that he needs her help to find them.

Franca suggest that everything could be for nothing as the chimes might go back to the world of the dead once they see they cannot have Zedd's grandson's soul. Zedd explain to Franca that chimes have no concept of time and could stay for millennium waiting for the soul. Zedd explain that they simply cannot wait for the chimes to live or it might be too late for magic and men alike.

Zedd explain Franca that because of the spell used when they were banished, the chimes can only return through where they were first banished.

Zedd wants to go to the library to find ancient text that might help him find where the chimes were banished.

In Chapter 47, Zedd and Franca go to the library where Zedd uses an assumed name, Ruben Rybnik. Ruben/Zedd is not discreet and flirt with the librarian and claim loudly to do research on "law involving the accountability of secondary suppliers of goods to the signatories in trade agreements nullified by clauses involving acts of Creation not specifically specified in the subtext but implied by common law of ancient trading principles, and he knew he would be able to prove them out with the fine examples of rational law set forth in the examples found in the history of Anderith law. "

Zedd is able to stay in the library even as the employees want to go home. Finally, Vedetta, the librarian Zedd pretending to flirt with brought him a book. The book was from the vault and was suppose to be shown only to select individuals.

The book belonged to Joseph Ander and is often called "The Mountain." The book is a small journey book; a book imbued with magic similar to the ones belonging to the sisters of light. Zedd realizes that it is the same book as the destroyed "The Mountain's Twin" and should contain the same information about the chimes. The book is written in High D'Haran . Only Richard knows how to read the language.

Vedetta confide to Zedd of going in the vault from time to time and trying to decipher the text but is never able to. She only know two words "Fuer Owbens," which mean "The Ovens."

After a small talk with Vedetta as the library closes, Zedd leaves with Franca. Franca knows what "the Ovens" is. It is a cave where those with the gift of magic can feel the



power of magic flowing through their body. Those with the gift keep that place secret. Zedd wants to go to the place immediately. France tells Zedd that the cave is several days away. Zedd decides to go alone to avoid putting Franca in danger.



# Chapters 61 to 64

## Chapters 61 to 64 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 61, Richard and Jiaan take turn carrying Du Chaillu as she is not feeling well. Even Kahlan took pity of Du Chaillu's condition and accepted her in her tent. Richard was considering writing to General Reibisch to order him in Anderith at once. Captain Meiffert is congratulated by Richard on the work of the men under his command on gathering intelligence in Anderith.

Richard refuse to send his men to take control of Anderith and wants to focus on accessing the library as his top priority despite the switch in allegiance of Anderith.

Richard try to explain that without knowing more about the Dominie Dirtch it would be impossible to take make any aggressive move without facing destruction. Richard again stress that the books at the library are more important and were to be secured no matter the cost.

Before living, Captain Meiffert tells Richard that Franca Gowenlock wished to talk to him but returned home before his return to the camp.

A crow comes crashing in Richard's tent, bearing something in his beak. Captain Meiffert tried to kill it, fearing it might be a being of black magic here to destroy Richard but Richard stops him.

The crow looks at Richard, leaves a small black object on the table and flies away. High D'Haran sent a journey book to Richard: Joseph Ander's journey book.

In Chapter 62, Dalton was in his office, reminding how good he had been in influencing the people in hating Lord Rahl and falling in the Imperial Order's grasp.

Rowley came into the room, announcing that the sorceress sent by Emperor Jagang had arrived.

Dalton had been assured that the woman still had all her magical powers ad instructed Rowley to treat her the best he could.

The woman, Sister Penthea had followed Rowley and introduce herslef to Dalton.

Penthea inquired to know who had been chose for the plan. Dalton pointed to Rowley as being one of them. Panthea casted a spell on to Rowley and asked to be brought to the other ones. Panthea took leave of Dalton, telling him that the fate of Mother Confessor was sealed.



After Panthea's departure, Dalton was drawn to the window where a large crowd following Serin Rajak had Franca in custody. Fearing for his life, Dalton did not try to save Franca.

As Franca was about to be burned, a raven attacked Serin, gouging the good eye out of Serin.

As the fire engulf Franca, she sees Dalton and scream that she loves him.

As Franca burned, the raven continued to take flesh off Sarin's face until finally the crowd started to throw objects at the bird.

A horse charged into the crowd and, after the raven lands on his back run off the city center as Franca's screams die down.

In Chapter 62, a rider make his way toward the gate where Beata is stationed. Beata tries to shout for him to stop but the rider is too far away. Instead of ringing the Dominion Ditch she sends three of her underlings to stop the rider.

Beata reminisces that despite her liking Lord Rahl and the Mother Confessor she marked an X on her voting ballot.

The rider turns up to be Fitch. After reacquainting with Beata, Fitch tell her that he is a seeker and he is carrying the Sword of truth. Fitch ask Beata to talk to her away from her troop. Beata does not believe that Fitch is a seeker and Fitch finally admit to have taken the sword to prove that he did not rape Beata. The Minister and Stein framed fitch for Beata's rape and he wants the truth to be heard.

Fitch hopes are crushed when Beate tell him the Minister became the sovereign.

Fitch asks Beata to stop a woman who had been following him and who allegedly killed Morley with magic. Beata does not believe Fitch and let the woman pass when she arrives.

Beata brings Fitch to meet with the woman, promising Fitch to keep him safe.

The woman, wearing a red leather outfit attack Fitch, refusing to listen to Beata. Fitch drew the sword of Truth which prompt Beata to try to subdue to woman before Fitch and her fight. Beata is thrown to the ground.

Fitch attacked by the woman dodged, thrust the small bottle and the Sword of Truth shattered but to the woman's surprise she sword did not rematerialized in her hand.

The sight of three Anderith's special soldier made the woman recover from the surprise and get Beata on her feet. The woman told Beata to flee with her men or die.

One of the soldier cut Fauvel in half before resuming their walk toward Beata and the woman with a grin on their face.



In Chapter 64, Norris gets kicked in the face and the man picked up a fallen sword and pinned Norris to the ground. Karl and Bryce rush in with their weapons drawn. Carine and Annette followed. Beata's soldiers were trained for combat. Beata was ashamed for the woman's cowardice. Fitch rushed forward with his prized sword and was ready to fight. A man turns to Beata and his sword goes towards his face and the woman in red saved Beata's life.

A man continued towards Beata and she thought she would die, but Fitch leaped in front of her and fought the man. Fitch's brains splattered on Beata's tunic and Fitch fell to the ground. She could hear her own cries. The man focused on Fitch's sword. The man slid the Sword of Truth into the scabbard. The man said that Commander Stein would like to have the sword. Beata asked why and the man said that Jagang is casting the ballot.

The men start to focus on the women and disarm Estelle and Emmeline and kiss them. Beata also gets dragged back. A woman ordered Beata to stop making so much noise, but she could not stop the tears. Fitch had just gotten killed saving her life. The woman says that if she isn't quiet, she will slit Beata's throat. The woman scolds Beata for the carnage. Three men wiped out the post and they were not even breathing hard. She said that those in charge gave her false courage and sent her out to fail. A hundred of them could not knock down one of the men. They are from the Imperial Order. Beata asks why she wants the sword so bad and Cara says that it belongs to Lord Rahl and he sent her to get it. Beata had never heard of the Mord-Sith before. Beata says that she will help her get Estelle, but she cannot help her save Emmeline because her leg is broken and if they take her, they will get caught.

Cara says that she will take out the man and will see to it they have two horses. She said they should keep going away from Anderith to the Midlands. Beata is numb from terror. Cara kills one of the men. Beata asks how she did that and she says killing is her profession. The men on horseback in front of Dominie Dirtch blast apart.

Beata and Estelle took off. Estelle asks Sergeant Beata where they are going. She just wanted to get out of the uniform. It was another joke played on her by Chanboor. Beata said she is not a sergeant, just a fool like Estelle.



# Chapters 65 to 68

## Chapters 65 to 68 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 65, Dalton glanced up to see Hildemara entering his office and he stood up to welcome her. She says that he brings class to the office and looks better in it than her worthless husband. She says that the vote is counted from the city. She says that Lord Rahl is no match for Dalton. She says that the people of the city are reluctant to believe Lord Rahl.

She said that Dalton did not even need to cheat. He says he must go tell Teresa. He has been so busy and has not seen her much in the last few weeks. She says Teresa probably knows already and Dalton asks who would have told her. She says that Bertrand talks when he is with women. Dalton froze and bells rang when he thought of the times he was absent from Teresa since Bertrand was named Sovereign. He had thought such speculation was an enemy and says that it is not amusing. Hildemara says it was not meant to be. He knew that she would probably not have such news wrong. He says that it is a rumor, but then she says that she has seen his wife coming out of his room. Hildemara says that he heard Bertrand brag to Stein and that he enjoys having a bad girl in his bed. Dalton becomes angry and considers killing Hildemara. He asks why she is getting so much satisfaction from it, but she smiles and says that she hated his superiority about their vows of fidelity. Dalton restrained himself. He thanks her and says it could have been embarrassing.

She says that he should not get all gloomy about it as it is important and a well-respected calling. She chuckles and says that his wife is a loyal subject, very loyal. Dalton thinks about what to do.

Kahlan asks how it is going and Richard rubs his eyes, saying he still has a lot left to translate. He explains what the book says and he is not sure when the truth stops and when Ander's madness starts. He said that Joseph Ander thought he was better than other wizards and that he may have been right. They talk about Ander's writing and the crux of the translation. "A wizard who cannot truly destroy cannot truly create." They talk about the possibilities, including magic and the Grace. Richard says that he did not think that Ander banished the chimes as he was supposed to, but instead used them for his own purposes. She asks for what and he says Dominie Dirtch. Kahlan says it sounds like he is going a little crazy too. Richard says that people will see the truth, they have to. Kahlan suggests that they make love. They talk about the possibility of making love and if they do bring a child into the world. Richard talked about the horrific war looming before them and he realized Du Chaillu being pregnant made Kahlan think of her having her own child.

Captain Meiffert calls in from outside of the tent. The vote was in from Fairfield and the outlying places. They had marked an X against them. Richard was stunned. He had



been trying to get them to have their own lives and freedom, yet they rejected it. Richard says that he needs to go for a walk.

In Chapter 66, at the start of Chapter 66, Dalton returns to the bedroom and finds Teresa and questions her about sharing the bed of the Sovereign. He knew it was true, but still asked. She says that it is the Sovereign and that he is next to the Creator. He asks how it came about. She said that the Creator told Bertrand that since they were faithful to one another, that the Creator had chosen her to release his tensions. She says that when she is with him, it is special, an honor and a duty.

She says that he still loves her the same. He says he feared he lost her love. She says that he needs to understand that the Sovereign needs her. Dalton swallowed and asked if they can still be together.

She says she will please him and make him happy, but he says he has a pile of urgent work to do. She says that the Sovereign speaks very highly of Dalton. Dalton kisses her goodnight.

Kahlan wore common clothes while traveling and the soldiers had insisted on escorting her on her walk, but she refused. Such orders would not have worked with Cara, but they worked with the soldiers.

The woman gives Kahlan a potion. Kahlan was eager to get away. The woman said she usually doesn't lecture, but Kahlan should marry. The woman would have preferred to help her have the child instead of shed it. Kahlan decided to drink the potion right away, to avoid Richard asking questions. She was convinced this would be best. They had their people to worry about. She saw Dalton Campbell passing by and wondered why he would be seen in such a part of the city.

She convinced herself that this was the best option and she drank the vial. She threw the vial and then saw a man standing in the wheat. The man had red hair. She looked at him and saw that it was Rowley. She suddenly lost her magic. She realized she needed to fight or die. Rowley beat her. they continued beating her. Richard walked through the field and thought about the possibility of having a child. he was willing to give it all up to have a child. He realized he had been gone a long time and decided to turn back. he realized that he heard a group of men beating a poor soul to death. Rowley saw Richard and they all fought. Suddenly, the Baka Tau Mana blade masters swept out of the night and he realized they had been shadowing him. He prayed for the good spirits to help. A man came up to him and said, not another one. Richard asked what he meant and the man said he had a carriage and said to bring the poor wretch to his home. Edwin Winthrop introduces himself. He says that his wife was murdered in the same kind of way on the same road. Richard and two blade masters went down the lonely road and three went with Edwin and the carriage. Kahlan was not in their tent, but he assumed she was with Du Chaillu. Du Chaillu valued Kahlan's presence and the comfort of having another woman there and it was close to the time for the baby to be born. Richard set to work going through Joseph Ander's book and translating it.



In Chapter 67, Jiaan slipped into the tent. The blade masters had assumed permission to go where they wanted. Du Chaillu has sent for Richard and at first, he thinks it is the baby. Jiaan says that Du Chaillu wants to see him alone. Richard had never seen a look of concern in Jiaan's eyes. Jiaan leads the way. Du Chaillu is in Fairfield and Jiaan urges him to hurry. Richard didn't understand what Du Chaillu was doing there. Edwin looked concerned and frightened, but with Claudine being murdered, Richard thought it was to be expected.

Du Chaillu peered out and then put her hand on his chest and backed him away. She says he must not become crazy. He promises her and she explains that the person he found was Kahlan. She says she is not sure if she will live. He says he would have known, but she says that she did not even know at first.

Richard asks what she needs. Du Chaillu says she lost her child and Richard says it cannot be Kahlan, but Du Chaillu said that Kahlan was pregnant and had told her and made her promise not to tell him. Richard started crying and sunk to the floor. She comforted him, but said it will not help and that he must stop the chimes. She says that he could heal her with his magic.

Du Chaillu says that the chimes hated the man (in reference to Ander). Richard wonders why the chimes hated him, but realizes that he enslaved them to serve him. Richard finally understood the words of Joseph Ander and what he had done.

Richard asks if Edwin can hide Kahlan, Du Chaillu, and the men there. Edwin agrees to, saying there is plenty of space and nobody will know they are there. He keeps few friends and those he does have, he would trust with his life.

Richard says to warn his friends to leave. The Imperial Order is on the way. He is on his way to the wasteland above the Nareef Valley. They say they will care for Kahlan as best as they can. He tells Edwin to collect food and water as Jagang is coming for food and he wants to give him a belly ache. Du Chaillu asks him if he wants to see Kahlan. Richard agrees, then goes back to the encampment. Richard hardly recognized her. Richard needed to keep his mind on the task at hand. He had more power now because of his anger.

Captain Meiffert greets Richard and Richard says he needs a horse. Richard then tells him to go back to General Reisbisch with his men. Richard begged the good spirits to help him. The Captain asks if it is safe to go past the Dominie Dirtch. he says to consider from then on that they are in enemy territory. They need to escape. he says they should plug their ears so they cannot hear anything. The Captain questions it, but he explains that the Haken people probably figured it out at one point. Richard says that the the Dominie Dirtch is going to be destroyed, as they cannot leave it for Jagang to hide behind and he hopes to spoil some of the food.

Richard says that the people of Anderith have made their choice and that their men should not shed blood for them. Richard says that they do not want them to die for nothing. Richard leaves the camp.





In Chapter 68, Teresa and Dalton are in the bedroom and she thanks him for being understanding about her duty to the Sovereign. He says it has been too long and she says she ached for him. Dalton says she should prove it. Teresa says for him not to be disappointed, but that Bertrand is expecting him in the afternoon. he says he feels excited that the Sovereign chooses his wife, that it is a compliment. Bertrand and Lady Chanboor had quarters on opposite wings so they rarely encountered one another.

The Lord Rahl was rejected by the people and the Mother Confessor may already be dead. Serin Rajak had died from an infection. Lady Chanboor comments on how Teresa is filling the needs of the Sovereign. He says that he has his way of dealing with it. He went into Lady Chanboor's private quarters. He had looked into her private life and found out what she liked and did not like.

Dalton says he wants to be honest with her and since his wife is no longer bound by vows, that he has desires that are unsatisfied. She kisses him. He found her less repulsive than he had feared and he enjoyed it when he closed his eyes.



# Chapters 69 to 70

## Chapters 69 to 70 Summary and Analysis

In Chapter 69, Richard is in the highlands above the Nareef Valley and looks out. His love for Kahlan drives him. He needed to banish the chimes to heal her. He needed to outthink Joseph Ander. Richard decided to do what Joseph Ander chided the wizards to do, but something they could not see. He hoped his strength would be enough. Richard draws a grace, then a star and calls the chimes forth. The chimes came and Richard lowered his arms and then called the Subtractive side of his power, which caused black lightning. Rocks disintegrated, water churned, the lake started to empty and fire went across. Richard offers the chimes his soul and a figure starts to appear. It is a robed figure. The chimes howled and Joseph Ander says he found him in his sanctuary and he is the first. Richard condemns Ander to his place in the afterlife. Ander claims that finding him is one thing, disturbing him another, but dictating him is something different altogether.

Richard calls forth the three chimes and says that there is his soul, stripped bare. Richard says he strips him of the lie of his existence. Richard let black lightning go between himself and Ander's spirit. He tells the chimes to hear him, see him, and feel him. Ander tried to throw back his own magic. Richard says they can have Ander who would not surrender his soul to the afterlife. Ander is the one who enslaved the chimes. Otherwise, they can have Richard's soul, but they would be pulled in and forced to serve him in this world. He says they may either take their vengeance or go back to slavery. They saw the truth presented to them and the world shook. They seized Ander's soul and took him with them. The veil between worlds opened, then there was a sudden silence. Richard had righted what Ander corrupted. He needed to return to Kahlan.

Zedd opened his eyes and though he did not understand how it was real, he had his hands back instead of feathers. He had his soul back. He was no longer a raven. Zedd found his things and they left.

Dalton came out of his office and saw Stein. Dalton saw a scalp he added to his cape. Stein was pleased that Dalton noticed the new weapon, the sword carried by the Seeker. Stein's men had captured a Mord-Sith. Stein talks about Lord Rahl and the Mother Confessor and Stein asks if he found her yet. Dalton says no, but that with the spell, she will not live through it. They may not even find her body.

Jagang is about a week away. Stein comments that Dalton was understanding about his wife and him. Dalton shrugged and said there is hardly anything to be possessive about. Stein seemed pleased, that the Order will suit him. Stein gives his compliments on his choice for a whore for a wife, but Dalton stiffens up. Bertrand loans her to Stein sometimes and was bragging about her. Dalton kills Stein and says he really is actually pretty possessive. Dalton takes off Stein's scalp. Dalton has Phil and Gregory come in to take him out and throw him out the window. He doesn't want him to ruin the carpet.



In Chapter 70, Richard crashes through the front door and he heads straight towards Kahlan. Jiaan stops him and says that she is still alive and has made it past the critical point. Richard almost collapses from relief. They have their power back. Richard insists on seeing Kahlan first, but Jiaan says no and that he must see Du Chaillu. Du Chaillu insists that he must see her first and that he may not touch Kahlan until that is done. Jiaan has been advised to draw his sword if necessary.

Richard looks in on Kahlan, but follows Jiaan to Du Chaillu. Du Chaillu is holding the baby and says that he has a daughter. He was not going to argue with her about the parentage of the child. She has named her Cara, in honor of her since she saved her life. She says that her gift is to feel a spell and silence it. Richard says that he must heal Kahlan, but she says that he must not. She says she came to him for a reason, to save him the pain of losing Kahlan. The magic in Kahlan is a trap and if he heals her with his magic, it will kill her. Richard says that Du Chaillu can heal her from the spell, but she says she cannot. She cannot touch the spell with her kind of magic and she cannot make it fade. She says that if he touches her with magic, it will kill her.

Du Chaillu explains that they must heal her without the use of magic. He says that the Order will be there soon and they must leave Anderith. Edwin has fixed a wagon for them to use to leave. She is still hurt badly, but she is alive. Du Chaillu takes the baby and leads her to Richard. He felt helpless.

Richard did not recognize her and he struggled to keep back his tears. She was unconscious and her hand was limp. Du Chaillu slid the baby in her arms and Kahlan woke and smiled. Linscott and Edwin had fixed the wagon together. They were part of a group that resisted the corrupt rule in Anderith. Some were going to escape.

Campbell was waiting for them and though Richard was ready for battle, he actually came to see the Mother Confessor off. Linscott and Edwin looked like they were ready to take blood. Dalton claims that in another time and place he and Richard could have been friends, but Richard disagrees. Dalton gives them a blanket for Kahlan. Dalton apologizes for trying to have her killed. Dalton says that a Sister of the Dark gave the spell. Dalton's wife is not going to make it. Teresa, Bertrand, and Lady Chanboor all have an illness. Their work seems to be crumbling around them. Emperor Jagang will most likely be displeased upon his arrival.

Richard leaves them to suffer the consequences of their actions. Ann was cramped in the box she was kept in. She was afraid she might go mad. The wagon slowed and the top of the box opened and Sister Alessandra appeared. She says she wants to return to the Light. They are in Fairfield and she had encouraged the driver of the wagon to let her drive. They were able to get away from Jagang's troops. She feels Jagang taking over her mind and then swears her loyalty to Richard and it works. She helps Ann get out of the shackles and she can again touch her gift.

They go into the town and there is a candlelight vigil for peace, but the men do not believe in peace. Sister Alessandra says that they must help them, they will slaughter them and rape them. Ann nods and says that the dead will have peace and the living



will have peace as as slaves. Sister Alessandra did not kill the sisters before joining Ann. Ann says that she will not be able to believe or trust her after her lies. Richard checked Kahlan and Cara trotted up and joined Lord Rahl.

Cara asks about the Midlands and his people, but Richard says that he quits. He has violated every wizard's rule. Du Chaillu is going back to her people. Richard says he almost got Kahlan killed. Cara had been captured, but they did not take her Agiel and she made them pay for it. Cara had been able to break the black bottle, but she had not been able to take his sword. Richard releases Cara from her service, but she says she has no family and they are all dead. He looks at her and sees she is forlorn and says that they are her family and that she can come with them.

Cara says that they are all bonded to him and will find him. He says maybe, maybe not. Kahlan wakes and she and Cara speak. Richard sees the blanket from Campbell and pulls it closer and the Sword of Truth falls out.



# Characters

## Richard Rahl:

Richard Rahl did not know who he really was until later in life. He is a wizard and Zedd is his grandfather. Richard is close to death when Kahlan saved him. They get married at the village of the Mud People and Richard's thoughts often seem disconnected to Kahlan, but the points are then connected by the author. This happens with the chicken who is not a chicken.

## Kahlan Amnell:

Kahlan is the Mother Confessor and is the last of her kind. She has great power and also fell in love with Richard. She is Richard's second wife and she, unlike Richard, knew who she was and was prepared for her role from a young age.

## Zeddicus Zu'l Zorander

Zedd is Richard's grandfather and is also a wizard.

## Prelate Annalina:

Annalina is the Prelate of the Sisters of the Light and gave up her post to Verna. Ann tries to free the Sisters from Emperor Jagang's imprisonment and slavery.

## Master Drummond:

Master Drummond is introduced in Chapter 12 and works as the kitchen master.

## Gillie: § Morley: Morley is Fitch's friend and works

Gillie is an Ander and reminds Fitch that he should do extra penance because of his actions to her and because of the skimmers.

## Morley:

Morley is Fitch's friend and works in the kitchen with him. Morley reminds Fitch to hold his tongue and do as he is told so he can continue to have food to eat and a roof over his head.



## **Fitch:**

Fitch is a kitchen worker and although he does not mean to demean the Ander, he sometimes speaks out of turn and blames himself for his actions. Fitch believes that sometimes the Anders take offense too easily, but he knows insensitivity and ingornace lead to misunderstandings. Fitch's father is not in the picture and his mother often saw men who thought Fitch was nothing more than an annoyance.

## **Erilyn:**

This woman was Richard's grandmother and was married to Zedd. She was captured and a spell was cast on her. When Zedd tried to heal her, he ended up killing her with his healing touch. Richard was never told much about her by his mother, as it was painful for her to speak of.

## **Cara:**

Cara is one of the Mord Sith and acts as a protector to Richard and Kahlan. She was forced to protect the Dark Rahl, but was given the choice to remain by Richard and she chose to continue protecting him. She gets upset when Kahlan and Richard go in search of the one that is not a chicken on their own.

## **Emperor Jagang:**

Jagang is a dream walker and takes some of the Sisters as his prisoners, allowing his men to do what they want with them. Jagang is the leader of the Imperial Order and plans to take control of the New World.

## **Dalton Campbell:**

Dalton Campbell is introduced at the end of Chapter 13 and works as aide to the Minister of Culture. He also goes down to the kitchen and takes Beata up the stairs with him. She beams when she sees him. Campbell also mentions to Fitch that he might one day become a sir and he chastises Drummond for saying "fetch" to Fitch.

## **Teresa Campbell:**

Teresa is Dalton Campbell's wife and is in her twenties.



## **Bertrand Chanboor:**

Bertrand Chanboor is the Minister of Culture and is an important man. However, Bertrand also likes to sleep with half of the women on the estate and avoids prostitutes because of disease. There is gossip about him becoming the next Sovereign in the future.

## **Hildemara Chanboor:**

Lady Chanboor orders the death of Claudine Winthrop and is also Bertrand Chanboor's wife. She has a string of affairs, just like her husband, but remains more discreet in her relationships.

## **Nissel:**

This person is an old healer and inspected a body after someone died. She decided that the neck was not broken and that there were no other injuries. She decides that his death was a result of evil spirits and then leaves to go deliver a baby.

## **Du Chaillu:**

This woman appears and is the spirit woman of her people. She refers to Richard as the caharin and she is with child. Based on the Old Law, she is actually married to Richard.

## **Jiaan**

Jiaan is one of the blade masters.

## **Sister Alessandra:**

Sister Alessandra helps Ann escape from Jagang by taking over the wagon. Despite this attempt to reunite and become a Sister of the Light, Ann has difficulty trusting her because of her past actions.

## **Beata**

Beata delivers meat to the estate and speaks with Fitch. After Fitch shares a secret dream of his, she scolds him and then reveals that she wants to be able to learn to read. Beata is also Haken and believes that they will never quite get over the crimes of their ancestors, even though they can learn to control themselves.



## **Stein**

This man arrives at the estate and has many instruments of war/weapons. He also wears a cape made of scalps and is involved in the sexual assault of Beata. He is later killed.

## **The Chimes:**

The chimes are brought forth in an effort to end magic and end up consuming the spirit of Joseph Ander.

## **Bird Man**

This person officiated a wedding and is one of the elders and made a comment about a chicken which Kahlan believed to be a sign that he had done too much celebrating.

## **Juni**

This person is one of Chandelen's men and dies face down in water and the cause of his death is not known. He left his weapons behind and Cara questions why he did not have his weapons and Richard wonders why he passed with such a look in his eyes.

## **Claudine**

Claudine is a woman who plans to accuse the Minister of Culture of rape after a feast at the estate in front of all of the guests.





## Objects/Places

### **Mud People:**

The Mud People are a group of people who accept Richard and Kahlan in as their own.

### **Aydindril**

This is where the Wizard's Keep is and is where Richard was told to travel in order to stop the chimes.

### **Anderith:**

Anderith is where the Minister of Culture lives and where his estate is located. It is also the home of both Anders and Hakens.

### **Dominie Dirtch:**

This is a weapon used that is based on the chimes and is on the outskirts of Anderith. It is supposed to kill those in the area.

### **Nareef Valley:**

This is where Richard travels to stop the chimes.



# Themes

## **Betrayal:**

The theme of betrayal is prominent throughout the book, particularly in Dalton Campbell's relationships. He betrays Fitch and is later betrayed by his own wife. The reader sees the ramifications of the betrayal and how it affects the characters.

## **Good versus Evil:**

Good versus evil is the basis of the book. The author creates a juxtaposition of Jagang versus Richard and Kahlan, as well as introduced the "lurk" and the chimes. The reader is shown what will happen to their society if there is the threat of the chimes. Magic will be destroyed if the chimes are not stopped.

## **Sins of Ancestors:**

The Haken people once took over the Anders and after some time, the Anders became more and more resentful and created stories that the Haken people were evil and would not be able to get over their evil ways. Throughout the generations, stories were passed down about what the evil Hakens did and the Hakens were forced to serve, would not be literate, and even needed to go to penance service on a weekly basis. Although this was not necessarily based on religious custom, the author presents a theme of the sins of one's ancestors throughout the book.

## **Social ranking/hierarchy:**

When the background of the character Fitch is introduced, one can see from the beginning that there is a social ranking or hierarchy within the story. Fitch is considered low on the social ranking, as his job is to work in the kitchen at the Minister of Culture's Estate. He also focuses on his dream and goal of becoming a sir and earning his sir name. One can see the difference in living standards and income between the different rankings, but there is corruption and immorality throughout, no matter the rank.

## **Morality:**

The question of morality is spread throughout the book, especially in conflicts between characters and in the actions of some of the characters. One of the primary places that the reader can see the theme of morality is in Bertrand Chanboor's behavior towards women despite his role as the Minister of Culture. He uses his social ranking to take advantage of others and allow them to earn privileges with him and when he becomes Sovereign, continues to claim women, even if they are married. There is also

questionable behavior by other characters in the story with cover-ups of rape and murder.

## **Vice and Virtue:**

Although each character in the book seems to make questionable decisions, we also see sides of both their vices and virtues, which makes the characters more relatable.

# Style

## Point of View

The "Soul of the Fire" is part of an fantasy adventure saga.

## Setting

This is the fifth book in the series.

## Language and Meaning

Terry Goodkind tends to write "Soul of the Fire" in a narrative style that takes on a more concise and assertive method than some of his other books.

## Structure

Description



## Quotes

"In a way, the Sword of Truth was but a talisman. It was the hand wielding the sword that was the power; as the Seeker of Truth, he was the true weapon. In some ways, it was only a symbol of his post, much as the distinctive white dress was a symbol of hers" (Chapter 1).

"The coyote hide across his shoulders was a new mark of authority. Recently he had been named one of the six elders of the village. In his case, "elder" was simply a term of respect and not reflective of age" (Chapter 2).

"This outer circle represents the beginning of the underworld-the infinite world of the dead. Out beyond this circle, in the underworld, there is nothing else; there is only forever. This is why the Grace is begun here: out of nothing, where there was nothing, Creation begins."

A square sat inside the outer circle, its corners touching the circle. The square contained another circle just large enough to touch the insides of the square. The center circle held an eight-pointed star. Straight lines drawn last radiated out from the points of the star, piercing all the way through both circles, every other line bisecting a corner of the square.

The square represented the veil separating the outer circle of the spirit world-the underworld, the world of the dead- from the inner circle, which depicted the limits of the world of life. In the center of it all, the star expressed the Light-the Creator-with the rays of His gift of magic coming from that Light passing through all the boundaries" (Chapter 5).

"The man who wrote the journal was a wizard at the Keep during the great war, but they don't know his name, so they call him Kolo, from a High D'Haran word meaning 'strong advisor.' The journal has proved invaluable" (Chapter 6).

"Civil unrest would swell on the shortages. Hunger would spread. Panic could set in. Unrest could turn to fighting as people flee to untainted land, which others already occupy. Desperation could fan the flames. All order could break down" (Chapter 6).

Richard was the first person to accept her as she was, to love her as she was, power and all. That, in fact, had been the undiscovered secret to her magic and the reason he had been rendered safe from its deadly nature. It was the reason they were able to share the physical essence of their love without her magic destroying him" (Chapter 6).

She blinked when Kahlan translated Richard's question. The woman's cynical laughter rang out through the drumbeat of the rain. "Attacked by a chicken?" Flipping her hand, she scoffed, as if she had thought for a moment they were serious. "Ungi thinks he is a great hunter. He chases chickens. This time he cornered one, frightening it, and it scratched him trying to get away" (Chapter 7).



"I want the men to gather up the Chickens. Take them to the buildings they keep empty for the evil spirits. I want every last chicken herded in there. Then, we can have the Bird Man look at them and tell us which one is not a chicken" (Chapter 7).

"It was almost as if they believed their duty was to protect his body so that in return he could protect their souls" (Chapter 11).

"Early the next day his mother would go off to work, usually with her man friend who worked in the household, too, and Fitch would get to go back inside. When she'd come home on the days after he'd been shoved out for the night, she'd usually bring him some treat she'd filched from the kitchen where she worked" Chapter 12).

"Other than what Fitch had been taught about the Minister making laws and such to insure that Anderith culture remained exemplary and the rights of all were protected, Fitch didn't really understand what the Minister of Culture did that required so many people coming and going all the time" (Chapter 12).

"Her smooth brow twitched. 'We are Haken. We can never be as good as the Ander; our souls are corrupt and unable to be pure; their souls are pure, and unable to be corrupt. We cannot ever be completely cleansed; we can only hope to control our vile nature.' Fitch knew the answer as well as she. Asking probably made her think him hopelessly ignorant. He was never any good at explaining his thoughts in a way that spoke what he really meant. He wanted to pay his debt-gain absolution-and earn a sir name. Not many Hakens ever achieved that privilege. He could never do as he wished until he could do that much. He hung his head as he sought to amend his question" (Chapter 13).

"He also passed the law that Haken women must be given work so that we might feed ourselves without having to marry and be slaves to the Haken men, for it is their nature to enslave, and given the chance through marriage, they will even do it with their own kind. Minister Chanboor is a hero to all Haken women.

"He should be a hero to Haken men, too, because he brings culture to you, so that you may give over your warlike ways and come into the community of peaceful people. I may decide to join because serving in the army is a means by which Haken women may earn respect. It is the law. Minister Chanboor's law" (Chapter 13).

"In return for keeping Richard in the world of life until he recovered, she had unwittingly pledged the chimes the one thing they needed in order to also remain in the world of life.

A soul. Richard's soul.

But he would be safe at the Keep; the place where they had been called was a safe haven for the one pledged" (Chapter 14).

"People who knew had told Fitch that Lady Chanboor had a face to match her temper: ugly. The unfortunate staff who had looked up at Lady Chanboor as they passed her in the hall were put out on the spot. Fitch learned they'd become beggars" (Chapter 15).

"The Sovereign?" Fitch rubbed his palms on his trousers. "Well... um... that anything done to protect our Sovereign is a virtue" (Chapter 15).



Dalton Campbell nodded as he smiled to himself. "Good." He again rested a hand on the hilt of his magnificent sword. "You know, Fitch, when a Haken has his debt paid, and earns his sir name, that signed certificate entitles him to carry a sword" (Chapter 15).

"I expect the boy to do his work or be put out, but you put him out and you had better be prepared to provide proof of why, and moreover, if you make it hard on him because of my orders, then I will not put you out, but instead I will gut you and have you roasted on that spit over there. Now, is all that absolutely clear, Mr. Drummond" (Chapter 16).

Richard threw up his hands. "How? More to the point, why? These people have rejected the chance I've given them. Edwin, they murdered your wife just as they tried to murder mine. And you would have me risk the lives of good people to preserve their well-being?"

"You think this some game? You're not even smart enough to realize you're nothing more than a dupe. Those in charge puffed you up with false courage and sent you out to fail. It's plain as day and you can't even see it. A hundred of you girls and boys couldn't knock down one of those men. Those are Imperial Order troops"



## Topics for Discussion

Why would a law such as that who made Richard and Du Chaillu married existed?

Do you think Richard's life was more important than the magic of the world?

Why do you think Richard would request a vote considering the perils that the Order poses?

Why do you think Zedd would hide the chimes from Richard?

Why would Bertrand Chanboor decide to join the Order? Do you think the risk or the alliance outweigh the potential reward?

Do you think the Hakens should have risen against the rule that oppressed them?

Why did Dalton assassinate the Sovereign and his wife the way he did?

Why would Dalton get Serin Rajak out of prison knowing what he would do to witches such as Franca?

Do you think exchanging the soul of Joseph Ander for his was an act or cowardice?

Do you think asking Alessandra to kill the Sisters of the Light that could not escape was the right thing to do from Ann?