

## Intro

- Episode 40 of The Sandersonian Institute of Cosmere Studies: September 16, 2019, and we should finally be back to our normal recording schedule for a while.
- In this episode, we're still digging at what's been going on with Roshar, moving into the conclusion of *Oathbringer*. (Though this isn't our last episode for the book!)

## Introductions

- I'm Bill, and I am joined, as always, by my [ ] co-hosts, Amy and Jordan.
- For those of you who listen to the podcast recordings or watch the videos on YouTube, we'd like to remind you that it's possible for our listeners to interact with us live via chat as we record each episode live at [www.twitch.tv/innkeeperstable](http://www.twitch.tv/innkeeperstable). We record episodes of The Sandersonian Institute of Cosmere Studies every other Monday night, starting at 7:30pm Pacific time, 10:30pm Eastern, so please join us and take an active part of the discussion!

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[Thank these Patrons this week: Ethan W.]

## Talking Points:

In tangentially-related news, today, September 16, 2019, marks 12 years since Robert Jordan passed away. It was a tragedy for thousands upon thousands of his fans.

Today is also the day that filming began on the upcoming Wheel of Time television series

# Plot Points

## Modern Storyline

- First off, I want to point out that Part 5 of this book *starts* on Page 1073.
- Trio in Shadesmar trying to activate the oathgate platform
  - Adolin and Maya (Mayalaran)
    - Adolin is still wounded and dying
  - Kaladin can't find the words
    - Bill's suspicion: He doesn't just have to accept that he can't protect everyone. He has to *forgive himself*.
  - Shallan's got a tough audience
  - At least Pattern is enjoying at playing illusion
- Amaram switches sides
  - He's finally as ugly on the outside as the inside! (Amy)
- Dalinar faces Odium alone
  - "You. Can't. Have. My. Pain."
  - "I AM UNITY!"
- Szeth (and Nightblood) and Lift: Best Buddy Cop Pairing EVER!
- Kaladin protecting Dalinar
  - Worst Multi-tasking job EVER
- Navani
  - Uses that Pain-reel to awesome effect (in stairwell, grabbed by Sadeas troops)
- Ash and Taln
  - Such a sad, bittersweet moment. (Taln is still stuck in a loop - she manages to snap him out of it.)
- Teft: Knight Radiant
  - He makes the oath offscreen, but he finally does it!
- Venli
  - Timbre mentions that her grandfather was killed by a Radiant breaking oaths
    - More evidence that she is likely Ico's missing daughter.
  - Timbre is able to suppress the voidspren in Venli's gemheart, and her pride at doing it is kind of adorable.
- Jesnah & Renarin
  - She knows that she has to kill him. And so does Renarin.
    - And then, he looks at her... and he *nods*. And she remembers the boy he was and has mercy. Against all odds. Against all foresight. Against all hope. Against all *logic*, she has mercy. And she embraces and comforts him.
  - Jasnah. Is. A. BADA\*\*!!!
- Szeth's dilemma

- Discusses who has the rights to Roshar - Parshman or humans? (Skybreakers will support Parshmen; but Nale is uncomfortable with people swearing oaths to him)
- Finally realizes that he could have stopped the assassinations at any time - the oathstone was just that: a stone. (Sword-nimi points that out to him.)
- Lift
  - Ties up her guard on the ship and just *shows up* next to Dalinar. Takes her task and follows through.
  - Has to deal with being outclassed in mobility by the Fused.
- Moash
  - Approached by the Fused with an offer to “do the same [killing a king] to a god.”
  - Given a special, golden knife with a sapphire on the pommel.
- Wit
  - Saves an orphan with Awakening, gets her adoptive parents, gets himself disguised by starting a fight with a Thaylen, and manages to find Elokhor’s Spren.

## Dalinar’s Flashbacks

- Dalinar (and Felt!) reach the Valley.
  - “The Nightwatcher doesn’t like foreigners.”
    - “I might have trouble, too.”
    - “You’re a bit less foreign, sir.”
  - Dalinar enters the Valley and feels nothing of the Thrill.
    - Suddenly begins to hear weeping, screams, and pleas of the people from the Rift.
    - Sees himself, killing hundreds, thousands.
  - The Nightwatcher approaches Dalinar
    - Calls him both “Son of Honor” and “Son of Odium.”
    - Asks what his boon is.
      - Dalinar asks for forgiveness, which agitates her.
      - She offers several things:
        - Renown? Wealth? Skill? To be able to swing a sword and never tire?
        - Beauty? Followers? Feeding his dreams, making him glorious?
        - “Perhaps it is possessions you wish. Spheres, gemstones, Shards.
          - **“A Blade that bleeds darkness and cannot be defeated.” HELLO!!!**
  - Cultivation herself appears
    - First berates him, tells him he “got what [he] deserved, the truth you have crafted for yourselves.”

- He says that he is doomed, and that “they weep, Mother.” (Was it the fact that he recognized and heard their weeping, expressing regret? Or the fact that he called her Mother that made Cultivation reconsider?)
- “This will be your boon. I will not make of you the man you can become. I will not give you the aptitude, or the strength, nor will I take from you your compulsions. But I will give you . . . a pruning. A careful excision to let you grow. The cost will be high.”
- “It will do me well to have a part of you, even if you ultimately become His. You were always bound to come to me. I control all things that can be grown, nurtured. That includes the thorns.”
  - Takes his atrocities from his mind, but also takes Evi.

## Giveaway!

Thanks to our Patrons, we’re able to hold monthly giveaways! All of our giveaways are open to everyone and free to enter.

- Because tonight’s discussion of the Battle of Thaylen Field involves a representative from each of the 10 orders of Knight Radiant (and also all 10 of the Flashback characters Brandon has announced), this time, we’ll be giving away a shirt featuring the symbol of the Knights Radiant.
- Follow our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and keep an eye out in the next couple of days to find out how to enter.

SPECIAL THANKS to Brandon Sanderson’s online store at [store.brandonsanderson.com](http://store.brandonsanderson.com) for sending us so many awesome goodies to share with our listeners!

## Email

We’re still collecting emails from you, our listeners! So write in and give us your feedback, ask us your questions, and let us know what you think of what’s going on in the Cosmere! Also, we’d love to hear if there is a specific topic you’d like us to dedicate an episode of the show to. Send all your questions and suggestions to [cosmerestudies@gmail.com](mailto:cosmerestudies@gmail.com) and we just might read your email as part of the show!

## Personal Projects

Jordan

Where can we find your work?

- Twitch: [www.twitch.tv/splicestream](http://www.twitch.tv/splicestream)

- Twitter: @SpliceStream
- Instagram: @therealsplicestream

## Amy

Where can we find you outside of this podcast?

- Facebook: Coincidence Cosplay & Props
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## Bill

When I'm not here, I've got a bunch of board game reviews over at The Innkeeper's Table, at [www.innkeeperstable.com](http://www.innkeeperstable.com). I post about games on social media, so go check those out on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @innkeeperstable

## Call to Action

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## Final Thoughts

## Outro

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You can also follow us and contact us through Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook under the profile @CosmereStudies!

For our next episode, we're not done talking about this Brandon Avalanche! There's SO much going on in these chapters, and we're going to keep digging deeper. We'll be recording on September 30, 2019 at 7:30pm Pacific time, 10:30pm Eastern, so join us here in chat on Twitch to be a part of it!

In the meantime, on behalf of Amy, Jordan, and myself, thanks for listening, and remember:  
**There's *always* another secret!**