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Chapter 1: Seeds of Shadow

 Min arrives in the Tower and has viewings of death and strife. Suroth prepares to lead the Return.

• Chapter 2: Whirlpools in the Pattern

• All three ta'veren are attacked by mysterious forces.

• Chapter 3: Reflection

 Moiraine heals Rand and explains that bubbles of evil are escaping from the Dark One's prison.

Chapter 4: Strings

Thom is writing notes to pull political strings. Mat tells Thom he plans to leave Tear and asks him to come along. Thom declines and convinces Mat to stay one more night.

Chapter 5: Questioners

• Egwene, Aviendha, and Nynaeve question the two captured Black sisters.

Chapter 6: Doorways

 Moiraine is angry with Rand for choosing to remain in Tear and mentions the twisted doorway ter'angreal. Egwene confesses she loves Rand like a brother and supports Elayne's feelings for him.

Chapter 7: Playing With Fire

• Egwene and Elayne meet with Rand to help him with channeling. Rand realizes he gets goosebumps when a woman nearby channels. Egwene admits her true feelings to Rand.

• Chapter 8: Hard Heads

 Elayne stays behind to confess her feelings for Rand, which are mutual and Rand kisses her. Rand meets with the high lords of Tear. Egwene tells Mat about the twisted doorway ter'angreal.

Chapter 9: Decisions

 Mat is repeatedly drawn back to the Stone, despite wanting to leave. Perrin frequents taverns, looking for a piece of news to lure Faile away from Tear. Nynaeve and Egwene question the black sisters, and Egwene and Aviendha grow closer. Elayne and Rand spend a lot of time together. Rand is visited by Selene.

• Chapter 10: The Stone Stands

• The Stone is attached by Trollocs and Fades. Rand uses Callandor to kills all the shadowspan at once.

• Chapter 11: What Lies Hidden

Elayne visits Tanchico in Tel'aran'rhiod. She meets an Aiel Wise One, Amys, in
Tel'aran'rhiod who commands Egwene to come to the Cold Hands Hold in the Waste.

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• Chapter 12: Tanchico or the Tower

 Egwene decides to go to the Waste to meet Amys instead of going to Tanchico with Nynaeve and Elayne to hunt the Black Ajah. Moiraine informs them the Black sisters died in the attack. Aviendha must go to Ruidean against her will.

• Chapter 13: Rumors

Mat and Perrin learn that the White Cloaks are in the Two Rivers in search of the "false"
Dragon and a man with golden eyes. Perrin decides to return to the Two Rivers.

• Chapter 14: Customs of Mayene

 Berelain visit Perrin and is interrupted by Faile. Perrin tells Faile he is leaving for the Two Rivers. He and Loial will travel the Ways alone. Faile storms out and confronts Berelain and their fight is stopped by Rhuarc.