

CAEL'S SHADOW: BOOK TWO OF THE SKY SEEKERS

Book Club Discussion Questions

1. Why is Jhared so disturbed by the similarities he sees between himself and the unbound waylayer, Alende?
2. How does Leita continue to remind Jhared of his oppression by Avelos, even as his experiences with her help him feel more confident in his own abilities?
3. How does Lady Nemiah's shame about the curse in her own lineage prevent her from taking a stand against Elder Abrigado and other leaders of the Council of Clans? Does her growing friendship with Ziabela change that? What experiences in our own reality might be similar to Lady Nemiah's situation?
4. Anzo Nevia, Jhared's patrolmate, is kind to Jhared and seems unfazed by the fact that Jhared is Shorn. Why do you think Anzo is different from those who treat Jhared with contempt or fear?
5. Alende insists he is free of the controls that Avelos inflicts upon the Shorn—is he truly?
6. What do Lady Nemiah's interactions with Lady Lia teach her about her own situation? What do her interactions with Ziabela Marcalo reveal to her?
7. What astonishes Jhared about Mayavana, and what makes her seem so familiar to him? Why does Mayavana get angry when Jhared tells her that he owes her for her help?
8. Jhared's relationships with his fellow soldiers are a complex mix of trust and distrust. How does that instability affect him emotionally? How does this make his patrol, in many ways, like a family?
9. Near the end of the novel, Elder Trianor tells the council that he believes his son "may no longer be bound." What does that mean? Is it a good or a bad thing?
10. Jhared was raised to believe that his purpose in life is to make reparation for the crimes of his ancestors. If Jhared escapes Avelos, what purpose and identity will remain to him?

