

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is Ela's first action when she realizes she is truly hearing the voice of her Creator, the Infinite? Do you think Ela's response to the Infinite's command is characteristic of a true prophet? Why or why not?
2. What do you believe is Ela's most critical personal challenge as she takes on her role as the Infinite's prophet? What would trouble you the most if you were chosen to be a prophet?
3. Ela's fragile little sister, Tzana, accompanies Ela with the Infinite's express permission. How does the Infinite ultimately reach others through Tzana's obedience and her frailty?
4. In the borderlands, the Infinite leaves Ela completely alone, shattering her physically and spiritually. What long-term effect does this temporary loss of His presence have on Ela? How might Ela's enemies benefit from her devastating experience?
5. What is your first impression of Kien Lantec? What aspects of his character emerge as he faces extreme, often dangerous

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circumstances? Do you think your Creator inspires similar characteristics in you during times of testing? What traits do you want others to see in you as you confront challenges?

6. Ela often questions her worth as a prophet. Why does she see herself as a failure? Does the Infinite agree with her? Can you think of any Old Testament prophets or leaders who believed they were failures?
7. As their relationship progresses, Ela and Kien each struggle with their physical and emotional responses toward the other. What evidence, if any, did you find of genuine love in their relationship, as opposed to basic physical attraction? Do you believe that Ela is justified in believing she must confront her life as a prophet alone?
8. Did you find evidence throughout the story that the Infinite protected Ela? Did He reward her? If so, then how? Has your Creator protected you and/or rewarded you?
9. What parallels did you find between Ela and familiar Old Testament prophets? What differences?
10. Do you believe the “other-world” setting of this story helped your understanding of Old Testament prophets? Why or why not?