

Chapter 30: June 15

The chapter "June 15" depicts a tense and emotional period as June and others anxiously await Day's recovery from a coma following severe injuries. For months, a dedicated group—including Tess, Eden, Pascao, and Anden—remains by his side, while crowds of supporters with scarlet-streaked hair gather outside the hospital. The war between the Republic and the Colonies has ended, thanks to Antarctic intervention, but the scars of conflict linger. June reflects on the fragile peace and the uncertainty of Day's survival, haunted by the possibility that he may never wake up or return as the same person.

As time passes, the hospital crowds thin, and life gradually resumes for those waiting. Five months later, June arrives for her routine visit, noting Eden's growth and Tess's evolving role as a medic assistant. Tess and June share heartfelt conversations, with Tess affirming Day's love for June and urging her to care for him. The bond between them deepens, offering moments of warmth amid the uncertainty. Meanwhile, news headlines highlight political developments, including a new peace treaty and leadership changes, signaling hope for the Republic's future.

The chapter reaches a pivotal moment when Dr. Kann delivers the long-awaited news: Day has woken up. June's initial joy is tempered by the doctor's cautious tone, as he reveals that while Day is coherent and recognizes key figures, his long-term memories may be affected. The hippocampus damage raises concerns about his ability to recall past events, though the doctor remains optimistic about recovery through therapy. June's emotions swing between relief and apprehension, overwhelmed by the sudden turn of events after months of waiting.

The chapter closes with June preparing to see Day, grappling with the bittersweet reality of his return. While his survival is a miracle, the potential memory loss introduces a new layer of complexity. The narrative underscores themes of resilience,

love, and the enduring impact of trauma, leaving readers hopeful yet uncertain about Day's future. The emotional weight of the chapter lies in the delicate balance between celebration and the challenges that lie ahead for Day and those who care for him.

