

Chapter 27: June 14

The chapter opens with June reflecting on Day's pivotal speech from the Capitol Tower, which solidified Elector Anden's power and united the Republic. She vividly recalls Day's presence and the impact of his words, as well as the lingering memory of their last kiss. Now, two days later, June and Day are separated in a Denver hospital, undergoing rigorous medical tests to ensure they weren't compromised by the Colonies. June is frustrated by the surveillance and separation but finds solace in watching Day through a monitor, longing to reconnect with him despite the Republic's precautions.

June's doctor conducts tests to assess her mental and physical stability, emphasizing the Republic's need to ensure her loyalty. She endures uncomfortable procedures, including a gel mask that triggers claustrophobia, while worrying about Day's condition. The doctor hints at Day's delayed release, sparking June's suspicion that something is being withheld. After hours of testing, she's informed she can be discharged, but her focus remains on Day's well-being, revealing her deep concern for him and impatience to reunite.

Elector Anden visits June, offering her a reinstatement as an Agent in Denver instead of Los Angeles, where key figures like Commander Jameson have been arrested for treason. June acknowledges the honor but senses Anden's lingering attraction, despite rumors of her relationship with Day. Anden praises June and Day for their role in stabilizing the Republic, noting how Day's influence has shifted power dynamics. The chapter highlights the tension between June's loyalty to the Republic and her personal connection to Day, who now holds significant sway over public sentiment.

The chapter concludes with Anden hinting at a new proposition for June, leaving the nature of his offer unresolved. June's internal conflict is palpable as she balances her duty to the Republic with her desire to protect Day. The scene underscores the

political stakes and personal sacrifices both characters face, setting the stage for further developments in their relationship and the Republic's future. The chapter blends emotional depth with political intrigue, maintaining a tense and introspective tone.

