

Chapter Forty-Seven

Tris, Caleb, and Matthew navigate a tense and crowded hallway, their mission to reach the Weapons Lab fraught with anxiety. Tris feels the weight of the explosives in Caleb's backpack and the concealed gun against her back, aware that their plan is unraveling as the lights remain on—a sign that Cara's part of the mission has failed. Tris devises a quick solution: splitting up and having Matthew create a diversion by firing his gun into the air. The chaos that ensues allows Tris and Caleb to slip away unnoticed, though the pressure mounts as security guards swarm the area.

As they sprint toward their destination, Tris's Dauntless training sharpens her focus, but Caleb's fear is palpable. The siblings navigate the labyrinthine corridors, their progress marked by a mix of determination and dread. Tris's confidence surges when they reach a familiar empty hallway, but their hope is short-lived as security guards catch up, shouting threats. Faced with imminent capture, Tris and Caleb raise their hands, but Tris's mind races with memories of their shared past, reminding her of the deep bond they share despite their conflicts.

In a moment of clarity, Tris realizes her identity is rooted in love and loyalty, not factions or labels. She resolves to protect Caleb, recalling her promise never to deliver him to his execution. With a calculated gamble, she points her gun at him, demanding the backpack containing the explosives. Though shocked, Caleb complies, understanding her intent. Tris declares him her hostage to the guards, buying herself time. Their emotional exchange—expressing love and regret—underscores the gravity of her sacrifice.

Tris fires at a guard to create an opening, then sprints away under a hail of gunfire. Her thoughts turn to Tobias as she flees, determined to survive but prepared for the worst. The chapter ends with Tris's desperate escape, leaving Caleb behind and the outcome of her mission uncertain. Her actions reflect both her courage and her

unwavering commitment to those she loves, even at great personal cost.

