

# Chapter Two

The chapter opens with Tris waking up in Amity headquarters, disoriented and haunted by memories of the recent violence. She discovers her gun tucked into the sheets, triggering a flashback of Will's death—a moment of guilt she struggles to shake. After hiding the weapon under her mattress, she focuses on concealing the hard drive containing critical simulation data, the only record of her parents' deaths. The weight of these secrets and her physical pain from a shoulder injury underscore her fragile state as she prepares to face the day.

Tobias (Four) arrives, bringing pain medication and news that the Amity will soon decide their fate. Their exchange mixes tension with tenderness, as Tris grapples with her unspoken guilt over Will's death. Tobias's use of her birth name, "Beatrice," momentarily lightens the mood, but the heaviness of their circumstances lingers. When he asks how she's coping, Tris avoids confessing her turmoil, instead finding solace in his touch and a brief kiss, which momentarily dulls her emotional pain. The scene highlights their deepening bond amid shared trauma.

After Tobias leaves, Tris showers in the Amity's utilitarian bathroom, noting the faction's resource-conscious rules. The pain medication eases her discomfort, allowing her to dress in borrowed clothes—a mix of Amity and Abnegation colors—that symbolize her fractured identity. Susan, an Abnegation survivor, arrives with food, her calm demeanor masking her own loss. Tris observes her with a mix of curiosity and sadness, recognizing the quiet resilience of her former faction.

The chapter captures Tris's internal conflict as she navigates grief, guilt, and uncertainty about the future. The Amity's peaceful setting contrasts sharply with her inner turmoil, while her interactions with Tobias and Susan reveal the complexities of loyalty and loss. The hidden hard drive and gun serve as metaphors for the burdens she carries, both physically and emotionally, as she braces for the Amity's impending

decision—a moment that could determine her next steps in the unfolding rebellion.

