

The Traitor

The chapter opens with Four reflecting on past Visiting Days, which he previously avoided by training alone. This year, however, he chooses to go to the control room, avoiding the emotional reunions in the Pit. He observes the mixed-faction families, particularly noting the transfers, and briefly wonders about Peter's parents. The scene highlights the tension between familial bonds and the Dauntless mantra of "Faction before blood," as well as Four's detachment from such gatherings.

While on his way, Four pauses at the chasm, reminiscing about moments spent there with friends like Zeke and Shauna. His solitude is interrupted when Tris arrives with her mother, Natalie Prior, an Abnegation woman. Four becomes anxious, fearing Natalie might recognize him from his past. Their interaction is tense yet polite, with Four deflecting questions about his nickname and Tris's progress in training. Natalie's probing gaze and cryptic comments unsettle him, though she doesn't reveal any recognition outright.

Returning to the control room, Four's supervisor, Gus, remarks on his unusual presence on Visiting Day. Four brushes off the comment, focusing instead on monitoring security footage. He secretly pulls up saved footage of Max, the Dauntless leader, and confirms his password. Four suspects Max's involvement in Amar's death and plans to investigate further by accessing Max's computer. He manipulates the security feeds to conceal his actions, ensuring his colleagues won't notice his unauthorized activities.

The chapter concludes with Four leaving the control room to execute his plan. He heads to Max's office, carrying a flash drive and relying on his confidence to avoid suspicion. The tension builds as Four prepares to uncover secrets that could expose corruption within Dauntless leadership. His determination to seek justice for Amar underscores his loyalty and moral conflict, setting the stage for further revelations.