

Chapter Four

In Chapter Four of **Insurgent (Divergent)**, Tris and her brother Caleb engage in a conversation about biotechnology and the role of Erudite in their society. Caleb explains how Erudite scientists developed advanced solutions, such as a mineral-based growth accelerator, which he compares to the salve used on Tris's shoulder. Their discussion highlights the essential yet contentious relationship between Erudite and Amity, with Caleb emphasizing their interdependence. Tris, however, remains uneasy about Erudite's dominance, despite acknowledging their necessity for survival. The siblings' dialogue reveals Caleb's fascination with knowledge and Tris's lingering distrust of Erudite's power.

The chapter delves into Tris's internal conflict as she reflects on her divergent nature. Caleb probes her about her aptitude test results, expressing astonishment at her three faction aptitudes—Abnegation, Dauntless, and Erudite. Tris recalls how the test administrator, Tori, altered the simulation to rule out Erudite, raising questions about Tori's background. Caleb's analytical curiosity shifts to Tris's unique brain chemistry, speculating on how she can manipulate simulations. Tris grows uncomfortable as Caleb scrutinizes her abilities, feeling objectified by his scientific detachment.

Tris's discomfort intensifies as Caleb's focus on her divergence becomes more clinical. She recounts her experiences in simulations, describing how she woke herself up by performing impossible actions, such as breaking glass with her touch. Caleb's distant expression suggests he is mentally dissecting her abilities, which unsettles Tris. She interrupts his analytical reverie, bringing him back to the present. The tension between Tris's personal identity and Caleb's scientific curiosity underscores the chapter's exploration of trust and familial bonds.

The chapter concludes with Tris and Caleb's dynamic shifting as they navigate their shared grief and divergent paths. Tris's reluctance to fully trust Caleb contrasts with

his earnest desire to reconnect. Their conversation highlights the broader societal tensions between factions, particularly Erudite's role in maintaining stability. Tris's unease with Erudite's influence and her own divergence reflects the novel's central conflict. The siblings' interaction serves as a microcosm of the larger struggles facing their fractured society, blending personal and political stakes.

