

# Chapter One

The chapter opens with Tris haunted by the memory of Will's death, which she feels responsible for. She awakens on a moving train with Tobias, Marcus, Caleb, and Peter, all fleeing the chaos in their city. The group prepares to jump off the train near the fence, a dangerous but necessary escape. Tris struggles with physical pain from her bullet wound and emotional turmoil, while Tobias remains a steady presence. The darkness and uncertainty of their situation weigh heavily on the group as they land near the fence, which is locked, trapping them inside the city.

Upon reaching the fence, Marcus questions the absence of Dauntless guards, and Tobias explains they were likely under the same simulation that has thrown the city into disarray. Tris reflects on the unknown fate of their friends and factions, carrying the hard drive that stopped the simulation as a grim reminder. Tobias manages to open the gate using a code from his time in the Dauntless control room, revealing his foresight in planning an escape. Caleb's suspicion and Tris's realization that Tobias always saw their world as a prison add tension to their dynamic as they move forward.

The group arrives at Amity headquarters, passing through an orchard filled with the scent of rotting apples. Marcus leads them to Johanna Reyes, the Amity representative, who greets them with relief but also caution. Johanna notes the arrival of other Abnegation survivors and arranges medical help for Peter's injured arm. She informs them that the Amity community will decide their stay tomorrow, expressing reservations about hosting Dauntless members and requesting they surrender any weapons. Tris, still wearing her father's Abnegation shirt, wonders how Johanna identifies her as Dauntless.

The chapter ends with Tris and the group in a fragile state, caught between survival and guilt. The contrast between Amity's peaceful laughter and the group's inner turmoil highlights their displacement. Johanna's pragmatic yet wary welcome

underscores the tension between factions, even in refuge. Tris's silent observation of Caleb's grief and her own numbness reflects the emotional toll of their journey, setting the stage for further challenges in their search for safety and answers.

