

# Chapter Three

Tris, under the influence of truth serum, faces interrogation by Evelyn Johnson in Erudite headquarters. Accused of being a traitor for defying faction leaders and attempting to stop Marcus from killing Jeanine Matthews, Tris defends her actions by claiming she believed Marcus was acting under factionless orders. Despite the serum's effects, she skillfully lies, asserting her inability to hold a gun due to trauma from killing her friend Will. Evelyn remains skeptical, mocking Tris's decisions and reinforcing her control over the city with armed factionless patrols.

The tension escalates as Tris challenges Evelyn's authority, accusing her of inaction and hypocrisy. Evelyn, unmoved, leans in to threaten Tris, declaring her intention to create a new world where Tris and Tobias have no place. Tris, however, finds solace in knowing Tobias is his own person, not bound by his mother's expectations. The interrogation concludes with Evelyn dismissing Tris, conceding she is no traitor but a fool, while Tris demands the release of her friends Christina and Cara.

After the trial, Uriah assists a weakened Tris out of the room, where she questions whether her outburst was too extreme. Uriah reassures her, noting Evelyn would expect such behavior. Tris feels a surge of anticipation for her newfound freedom and the plan to escape the city. The chapter highlights her resilience and strategic thinking under pressure, as well as the oppressive regime Evelyn has established, blending factions and enforcing strict controls.

The chapter underscores the shifting power dynamics in the city, from Jeanine's rule to Evelyn's factionless tyranny. Tris's defiance and ability to manipulate the truth serum reveal her growth and determination to resist oppression. Meanwhile, Evelyn's cold demeanor and threats emphasize her ruthless ambition. The stage is set for Tris's next moves, as she and her allies prepare to challenge the factionless regime and seek a way beyond the city's confines.