

Chapter Twenty-Eight

The chapter opens with Tris in a chaotic hospital, relieved to find Tobias unharmed but concerned about Uriah, who is isolated in a separate room with a closed door—a grim sign. A distracted nurse tends to Tris's minor arm wound but discovers a more serious cut on her forehead that requires stitches. Amid the frantic activity, Tris observes the overwhelmed medical staff and the pervasive scent of chemicals and blood, highlighting the aftermath of a violent attack on the Bureau. The nurse reveals that David, though severely injured, will survive, crediting Tris for saving him—a fact that fills her with guilt for her selfish motives during the crisis.

As Tris leaves the emergency ward, she notes the injured support staff lining the hallways, all clad in green uniforms. She reflects on her disheveled appearance, stained with both her and David's blood, before resolving to find Tobias and Christina. The chapter reveals that the attackers used explosions as diversions, breaching the Bureau through an underground tunnel—a detail Nita had omitted. Tris encounters Nita, who is brought in wounded, and feels detached from her pain, rationalizing her own role in shooting her. The scene underscores Tris's emotional numbness and the moral ambiguity of her actions.

Tris soon finds Christina in the waiting room, anxious for news about Uriah. Christina expresses frustration at the Bureau's secrecy and perceived favoritism toward Tris due to her genetic status. Tris struggles to bridge the growing divide between them, unsure how to navigate their unequal standing. She offers to stay with Christina after finding Tobias, but Christina reveals the shocking news that Tobias has been arrested for aiding the invaders by disabling the alarm system. Though Tris already suspected his involvement, the confirmation forces her to confront the reality of his betrayal.

The chapter ends with Tris determined to speak to Tobias, hinting at a pivotal confrontation. Her internal conflict—weighing her love for him against his

actions—adds tension to the narrative. The hospital setting, filled with wounded and frantic activity, mirrors Tris's turmoil as she grapples with guilt, loyalty, and the consequences of the attack. The revelation of Tobias's arrest sets the stage for a reckoning, leaving Tris resolved to face him despite the pain it may bring.

