

# Chapter Thirty-Two

Tris is summoned to David's office, filled with apprehension about their last encounter where she threatened him at gunpoint. Zoe escorts her through the compound, noting David's wheelchair-bound state and advising Tris not to show pity. Tris struggles to conceal her anger and distrust, reflecting on the recent violence and Uriah's coma, which weighs heavily on her. The opulent surroundings of David's office contrast sharply with her inner turmoil, making her feel out of place.

David, though physically weakened, appears composed and likable, a stark contrast to the man Tris knows orchestrated the attack simulation. Despite her revulsion, she maintains a facade of politeness to preserve his trust, recognizing the need to stay close for her own motives. David praises her bravery during the attack, unaware of her true intentions, and offers her a position training for the council, framing it as an opportunity to influence the compound's future.

The proposal places Tris in a moral dilemma: joining the council would mean aligning with the very people responsible for her parents' deaths and the attack simulation. David emphasizes the need for a stronger stance post-attack, implying Tris's unique perspective could be valuable. Tris cautiously inquires about the training process, which involves attending meetings and learning the compound's operations, all while masking her inner conflict.

As David silently awaits her response, Tris grapples with the implications of his offer. Accepting would grant her access to the inner workings of the compound and potential avenues for revenge, but it would also require her to betray her principles. The chapter ends with Tris's unresolved tension, highlighting her struggle between vengeance and morality, and the difficult choices ahead.