

# Chapter Thirty-Five

Tobias spends his time in the control room monitoring surveillance footage of the city, searching for his parents, Evelyn and Marcus. He observes Evelyn strategizing with her factionless allies, while reflecting on the eerie similarity between the empty night sky outside the Bureau and the one above the city. Despite his role in disabling the security system before the attack, the control room staff largely ignore him as long as he keeps his distance. His surveillance reveals nothing about the Allegiant's movements, leaving him frustrated and restless.

Cara confronts Tobias about his frequent visits to the control room, questioning his motives. She points out his contradictory behavior—claiming to hate his parents yet obsessively watching them. Tobias insists they are dangerous and that he alone understands their threat. Cara challenges his passive approach, reminding him he's no longer part of their world. Their exchange highlights Tobias's internal conflict and his struggle to move forward, even as he remains tethered to his past.

During his surveillance, Tobias finally spots the Allegiant mobilizing—a coordinated group of individuals from various factions, including Amity and Erudite, gathering near an unfamiliar building. Cara alerts the others, and soon the control room buzzes with activity as everyone gathers to watch the unfolding events. Tobias explains the Allegiant's composition and their recent raid on a weapons storehouse, emphasizing their shared goal of opposing Evelyn's factionless regime. The scene underscores the growing tension and the inevitability of conflict.

As the group watches the Allegiant's movements, Cara and Tobias discuss the broader implications. The Allegiant's alliance with Erudite, despite their past conflicts, reveals the shifting dynamics of power. Tobias notes the Amity's nonviolent participation, while the control room staff provide additional context about the weapons raids. The chapter ends with a sense of impending confrontation, as Tobias and his friends brace

for the consequences of the Allegiant's actions and their own role in the coming struggle.

