

Chapter Twelve

The chapter depicts a tense interrogation scene where Tobias, also known as Four, is subjected to a truth serum by Niles, a Candor representative. Under the serum's influence, Tobias reluctantly reveals his real name and the identities of his parents, Evelyn and Marcus Eaton. The revelation shocks the Candor present, as Marcus is a prominent and controversial government figure. Tobias's struggle to resist answering highlights his strong will and the painful secrets he guards, particularly regarding his abusive father and his transfer from Abnegation to Dauntless for self-protection.

As the interrogation continues, Tobias's resistance to the serum becomes more evident, drawing concern from the narrator, Tris. She criticizes the Candor's methods as invasive and cruel, arguing that Tobias's personal trauma should remain private. However, Christina, a Candor member, defends the process as necessary for understanding loyalty. The tension escalates when Tobias admits he transferred factions to escape his father's abuse, a confession that silences the room and shifts the atmosphere from judgmental to somber.

The interrogation shifts focus to the attack on Abnegation, revealing Tobias's Divergence—a rare trait that makes him resistant to simulations. This disclosure sparks awe and curiosity among the Candor, including Christina, who views Divergence as something mythical. Tris, also Divergent, confirms her condition to Christina, who reacts with a mix of shock and reverence. Tris downplays the significance, explaining it simply allows her to manipulate simulations, but the revelation underscores the growing stakes of their world's factional conflicts.

The chapter concludes with Tris reflecting on the Candor's motives, recognizing their desire for understanding rather than mere cruelty. Despite this, she remains apprehensive about her own impending interrogation. The scene underscores the themes of truth, trauma, and identity, as Tobias and Tris navigate the dangers of their

Divergence and the harsh scrutiny of their society. The chapter leaves readers with a sense of unease, anticipating the further unraveling of secrets and the consequences they may bring.

