

Chapter Twenty-Two

The chapter opens with a tense and emotional scene as Shauna lies critically injured after being shot in the back. Lynn is paralyzed with guilt, blaming herself for the incident, while Tobias and Tris work together to carry Shauna to safety. The group navigates the chaotic aftermath of an attack, with Uriah joining them briefly before being sent ahead to fetch a doctor. The urgency of Shauna's condition weighs heavily on the characters, and the half-mile journey to the Merciless Mart feels agonizingly long. Upon arrival, a doctor immediately tends to Shauna's wounds, while Tris struggles with her own emotions and the gravity of the situation.

Tobias confronts Tris about her reckless behavior, accusing her of unnecessarily risking her life in a misguided attempt to emulate her parents' sacrifices. Their argument escalates as Tobias delivers a harsh ultimatum: he refuses to stand by if she continues self-destructive actions. He emphasizes that he loves her for her Divergent identity, not for embodying a Dauntless stereotype. Tris is shaken by his words, recognizing their truth but conflicted by her own motivations. The confrontation ends with a tender yet strained moment as Tobias kisses her, leaving Tris emotionally unsettled and introspective.

Later, Tris visits Tori, who is recovering from her own gunshot wound. Their conversation shifts to the political intrigue within their faction, as Tris seeks Tori's help in organizing a Dauntless meeting. Tori, a former spy, reveals critical information about Jeanine Matthews' secret laboratory on the top level of a heavily secured building. She admits to attempting to assassinate Jeanine, driven by a personal vendetta. Tris senses Tori's thirst for vengeance, hinting at the deeper conflicts and moral ambiguities within their resistance efforts.

The chapter concludes with Tris absorbing the revelations about Jeanine's hidden lab and Tori's failed assassination attempt. These developments underscore the high

stakes of their rebellion and the personal sacrifices involved. Tris is left grappling with her own role in the conflict, torn between her desire for justice and the consequences of her actions. The chapter highlights the emotional and physical toll of the ongoing struggle, setting the stage for further confrontation and difficult choices ahead.

