

CHAPTER NINETEEN

The chapter opens with Tris discovering a group of Dauntless initiates gathered around Peter, who is reading aloud an Erudite article attacking Abnegation and her father. The article suggests that the departure of Abnegation leaders' children, including Tris and her brother Caleb, reflects poorly on the faction's values. Molly, a fellow transfer, fuels the accusations by claiming Tris had nightmares about her father, implying abuse. Tris is furious and attempts to confront Peter and Molly, but Will intervenes to prevent a physical altercation, dragging her out of the dormitory.

In the hallway, Tris vents her anger at Will, who tries to calm her down by downplaying the Erudite's intentions. He argues that the Erudite merely seek more influence rather than a full overthrow of the government. Tris, however, remains unconvinced and expresses disbelief that her brother Caleb joined such a faction. Will defends the Erudite, insisting they aren't entirely bad, but Tris struggles to reconcile this with the personal attacks on her family and faction. The tension between her old life in Abnegation and her new identity in Dauntless becomes increasingly apparent.

After the confrontation, Tris joins Christina, Al, and Will for a trip to get tattoos, a Dauntless initiation ritual. Tris gets a Dauntless seal tattoo and embraces the faction's culture, wearing a revealing shirt and eyeliner. The group dynamic lightens the mood, with Al giving Christina a piggyback ride and Tris reflecting on her growing comfort with Dauntless customs. Despite the earlier conflict, Tris finds solace in her new friendships and the sense of belonging they provide.

The chapter concludes with Tris and Will discussing their fears, a recurring theme in their Dauntless training. Tris mentions her fear of crows, while Will jokes about his fear of acid, though Tris doesn't probe further. Will finds the fear simulations fascinating, hinting at his intellectual curiosity. The chapter ends on a lighter note, contrasting the earlier tension with moments of camaraderie and personal growth, as Tris continues to

navigate her dual identity and the challenges of her new life in Dauntless.

