

# Chapter 105

In Chapter 105 of "All the Colors of the Dark," Patch enters the Merchants National under a grim, steel sky, oblivious to the additional guard lurking by the side door. As Patch pulls his gun, he fails to notice the guard responding in kind. The scene unfolds rapidly as the teller hurriedly fills an envelope with cash, casting a nervous glance over Patch's shoulder while handing him the money.

Just then, a shot echoes, sounding like a mere firecracker, accompanied by the shattering of the glass divider. Chaos erupts as screams fill the air, causing Patch to drop to the floor amidst the pandemonium. As he crawls across the carpet, alarms blare and sprinklers activate, dousing the terrifying atmosphere. He finds refuge behind a desk, taking a moment to breathe deeply as the turmoil unfolds around him.

Meanwhile, the guard, visibly shaken, advances with his weapon drawn, and Patch calculates the situation—knowing the standard Model 36 revolver holds six bullets and realizing he has heard only five shots fired. When a sixth shot ricochets and lodges into the desk behind him, Patch recognizes the urgency and makes a break for the exit.

Until that point, everything had felt like a game to him—a twisted form of wealth redistribution aimed at a worthy cause. He ultimately sends the stolen money off to the Forever United charity, the bills still damp when he seals the envelope. This act of seemingly benevolent theft is now overshadowed by the reality and danger of his choices, as Patch grapples with the serious implications of his actions against the backdrop of violence and chaos.