

Chapter 33_ Communism Rears Its Head ...

In the chapter titled "COMMUNISM REARS ITS HEAD," the protagonist recounts the third and final meeting with his Blue Fairy Godmother, Colonel Frank Wirtanen, in a desolate shop across from Jones' house, where he, Resi, and George Kraft are hiding. The protagonist hesitates before entering the dark shop, anticipating any number of potential threats from American Legion members to Israeli paratroopers. With a pistol—an Iron Guard's Luger—visible and ready in his hand, he stealthily scouts the front, noting the darkness that cloaks the entrance and cautiously making his way toward the back.

Feeling like an infantryman, bracing against danger, he reflects on the nature of humanity, suggesting that humans are fundamentally infantry animals. Upon reaching the back of the shop, he observes a serene scene through a window: Colonel Wirtanen, now elderly and reminiscent of Buddha, awaits him. Entering the shop, the protagonist expresses surprise that Wirtanen isn't retired, to which Wirtanen reveals he was called back to duty as a specialist, specifically concerning the protagonist.

The dialogue unfolds, with the protagonist curious about Wirtanen's renewed interest in him. While he understands why the Israelis might seek him out, he questions the Russians' motive. Wirtanen divulges unsettling information about Resi Noth and George Kraft, identifying them as communist agents under surveillance since 1941. The U.S. has allowed Resi into the country to investigate her intentions and potential ties to the larger communist agenda.

This chapter delves into themes of espionage, trust, and the complexities of human motives against the backdrop of a world burdened by political tension. The protagonist grapples with his precarious situation while navigating through layers of deceit, revealing the darker intricacies of his environment and the individuals he is intertwined with.