Chapter 72

In Chapter 72 of "We Solve Murders," Eddie finds himself at a critical juncture as he navigates his next steps. With Amy, Rosie, and Steve having flown to England, a bribe at the airfield has confirmed their arrival in the New Forest. Eddie, after perusing a map revealing the area's dense wooded terrain, decides to follow them to maintain oversight.

In what seems to be an advantageous move, Eddie opts not to inform Rob Kenna about Amy; he sees her as someone else's concern and thus shifts his focus back to his mission. Having retained most of Rob's fifteen grand, he books a stay at a hotel called The Pig—an ideal retreat known for its tranquility, delectable food, and pleasant staff, not to mention picturesque views of deer outside his window.

Despite the serenity, Eddie wrestles with uncertainty about whether he is ready to proceed with his plan. The moment must be perfect; he recognizes that he only gets one chance at this. To solidify his decision, he contemplates a significant question: if he can shoot through a pane of glass in a high-rise building, will it deflect the bullet? If he can affirm this, he will feel prepared.

Eddie descends to the hotel dining room, keen for a peaceful meal amid chaos. He appreciates the classiness and warmth of the restaurant and looks forward to indulging in locally-sourced fish and chips, although he remains curious about the batter.

As he approaches the dining area, sunlight reflects off a striking ruby-and-emerald brooch worn by Rosie D'Antonio, who is sitting at a window table conversing with an older man in a typical countryside outfit. Realizing that Rosie could be staying at the hotel complicates Eddie's plans but could ultimately work to his advantage. Thus, he retreats to his room to consider his next move and to finalize preparations for the task at hand.