Chapter 79

In Chapter 79 of "We Solve Murders," a range of characters grapple with insomnia for various reasons, revealing their inner thoughts and tensions as they prepare for unfolding events. Steve Wheeler struggles to sleep because Trouble, his cat, insists on resting on his chest—a small comfort after being away. He reflects on his investigation, coming to the connection of Max Highfield and the implications of his ties to Felicity Woollaston amidst his upcoming trip to Dubai. Accompanied by Rosie, while Jeff stays back due to fears about being found, Steve feels a mix of anxiety and yearning for a comforting presence.

Meanwhile, Rosie D'Antonio lies awake in Steve's spare room, waiting for a knock from Jeff, who remains on the sofa. Despite their clear attraction, Rosie contemplates her boundaries and missed flings. She recalls previous encounters and her therapist's critique about her lack of boundaries, revealing her inner conflict about pursuing a relationship amidst her complicated feelings about Steve.

Jeff Nolan also finds himself awake, troubled by discomfort on the sofa and reflecting on his relationship with Steve. He contemplates returning to London and considers sending an email warning Loubet about their knowledge of Highfield—but doubts its effectiveness. His jealousy over Trouble's bond with Steve surfaces, highlighting his complicated emotions.

Henk van Veen, having settled for the night, finds himself lost in thoughts of his family while facing the reality of trust issues with Jeff. Bonnie Gregor, in her own thoughts, wonders about the logistics behind packing bags, prompting reflections on safety and autonomy. Eddie Flood battles sleep deprivation, obsessing over his alarm settings, symbolizing his anxieties about readiness for the next day.

Across the globe in Dubai, Max Highfield indulges in a wild night out, surrounded by influential figures, asserting his position and enjoying the indulgence of his lifestyle, hinting at the risks and vices associated with his newfound power. Meanwhile, Amy Wheeler sleeps soundly, aware that her safety lies in the hands of her allies as they prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. This chapter artfully intertwines the disparate lives of the characters, highlighting their anxieties and motivations as tomorrow looms with uncertainty.