

Chapter 84

In Chapter 84 of "We Solve Murders," Adam and Steve share a rare moment of conversation in a quiet setting. They reminisce about their past chats, which were often filled with childhood interests like dinosaurs but have since devolved into awkward silences. The chapter opens with them discussing Adam's recent flight and Steve's uneasy observations about the bathroom's location in the house.

Adam suggests they change the subject to something more pressing—the murders that have recently occurred. Steve reveals that Amy is potentially in danger, as a man named Rob Kenna has been hired by François Loubet to threaten her. This entangles Adam further, given the dangerous implications of the situation. Steve recounts an encounter with Kenna at a golf club, describing him as a DJ, which Adam finds incredulous but illustrative of the absurdity they find in such dark circumstances.

As they attempt to delve into the matter, the atmosphere remains tense, revealing their struggle to connect as father and son. Each tries to bridge the chasm of silence that has grown between them, pondering personal subjects like Steve's late partner, Debbie, but both feel too guarded to explore these topics. Ultimately, Adam decides it is time to rest after a long day, leading to a rather awkward farewell without the comfort of a hug.

In a surprising twist, as Adam is about to leave, Steve fondly recalls Adam's childhood interests in dinosaurs. This mention allows momentary warmth between them, contrasting against the backdrop of their serious conversation. They briefly chat about their favorite dinosaurs, demonstrating a flicker of their earlier bond. Finally, Steve asks Adam an unexpected question about sauna etiquette—a query that signifies his desire to maintain a connection, however clumsily. The exchange closes with Adam affirming the routine of their home, highlighting both their physical closeness and the emotional distance that remains. The chapter encapsulates the themes of familial bonds, danger, and the quiet struggles of communication.