Chapter 88

In Chapter 88 of "We Solve Murders," the scene opens with Max Highfield posing on a sheepskin rug, adorned with diamonds on his chest. A photographer is directing him, prompting expressions ranging from mean to sexy, while Rosie cheerfully engages in the creative process, seated on a yoga ball and smoking a joint. Max, who is about to take on the role of Blake Scott, seeks input on his character, asking Rosie for name suggestions and how Blake should look. Rosie suggests that Blake resembles Max, sparking ideas for a mustache and further character development.

As Max prepares for his next shoot, he and Abby, his bodyguard, discuss creative aspects and Max's aspirations as a writer. He reflects on the nature of his work, dismissing traditional literature in favor of stream-of-consciousness poetry. Despite this, he expresses interest in Blake Scott's story, albeit with reservations about playing a villain. Rosie introduces the plot—a syndicate that pays influencers to smuggle money, explaining Blake's role as the mastermind. Max reacts incredulously, questioning the legality of these actions, which prompts light-hearted banter between him, Rosie, and producer Steve.

The dynamics change when Abby surprises Max by providing access to live footage of his dogs at a residential facility, causing an emotional reaction from him. The conversation meanders back to the story, revealing that the influencers involved in the plot start getting shot. Max relates this to a friend's experience, adding a personal touch to the unfolding narrative.

Excited about filming logistics, Max confirms his participation but insists his character must retain the heroic aspect, suggesting another character take on the villain role. He even proposes to involve his friend Timothée Chalamet and expresses interest in names associated with the project. As he heads to the stage, Rosie and Steve speculate about his true level of involvement in the plot. The chapter ends on a cliffhanger about the ambiguous morals of the characters involved as they listen to Max deliver his speech.