

Chapter XXX

In Chapter XXX, the group is in a frantic search for Samson, who has been left behind in the Tuttle Terrace Trailer Park. The atmosphere is tense as they realize he is not on the bus, despite searching every nook and cranny for him. As panic sets in, the crew—comprising Lill, Fish, and others—insists that they need to turn around despite Lester’s initial hesitation. He feels cornered, fearing legal repercussions for his decisions while trying to help.

Lill, taking on a maternal role, urges everyone to remain calm and insists that they must retrieve Samson. She confronts Lester, who is reluctant to return after hearing that the police have been called. Eventually, under pressure, he makes a sharp U-turn, navigating the bus back to the trailer park. The weather turns ominous, with dark clouds rolling in and a storm brewing, mirroring the escalating tension within the group.

Upon arrival, they quickly disembark and head toward Carlene’s trailer, where she stands with an air of defiance, blocking the doorway. She smugly informs them that the police are on their way and that Samson is locked up inside, eliciting outrage from Lill and the others who demand his release. Carlene’s confrontational demeanor only escalates the situation as she relishes their desperation, hinting that Samson has a talent for hiding.

Fish, overwhelmed with anger and panic for his sibling, uses his powers to push Carlene away, allowing them to enter the trailer in search of Samson. The distress intensifies as they scour every corner of the trailer—under beds, behind furniture, in closets, and even the oven—yielding no results. Meanwhile, Fish's fury whips the wind into chaos, echoing the turmoil within the group as they scramble against time, searching for any trace of Samson before the police arrive.

In a moment of realization, the narrator thinks of a way to extract information from Carlene, believing that all they need is a pen to make her reveal where Samson is hiding. The chapter closes on this cliffhanger, culminating in the anxiety of impending arrival of the authorities and the uncertainty of Samson's fate.