

# Chapter 107

In Chapter 107 of "All the Colors of the Dark," the narrative focuses on Saint as she observes Jimmy asleep on her grandmother's porch, wrapped in his jacket. Earlier, she had encountered him after their missed prom, where his mother had shown her his suit. Jimmy possesses qualities of a good man, raised with strong values—he's older, knowledgeable about nature, and holds traditional beliefs instilled by his family. His childhood room reflects a well-kept life, revealing him to be someone who will need nurturing in adulthood.

During a meal with her grandmother, Norma, they discuss the roles of men and women. Norma asserts that women teach men how to be men, which sparks a conversation about various male figures in their lives, including Joseph, who struggles with personal connections. Jimmy's relationship with Saint has an innocent quality, though their intimate moments lead to doubts as he prioritizes his faith, claiming he believes in no premarital sex.

The chapter transitions into a more serious topic when Norma reveals that Jimmy had asked for Saint's hand in marriage. This revelation prompts her to reflect on her own feelings and the complexities of her relationship with Jimmy. The themes of sin and judgment emerge when Saint worries about the fate of others she has witnessed in her life, highlighting her empathy.

Norma provides wisdom on love, emphasizing that marriage requires respect and kindness rather than solely romantic love. When Saint questions whether she loves Jimmy, her grandmother's advice centers on the importance of recognizing love as a gradual journey rather than an instantaneous feeling. She encourages Saint, ultimately suggesting that Jimmy is a good match for her, despite her hesitations.

Saint grapples with emotional turmoil as she considers her responsibilities to others, her feelings for Jimmy, and what the future holds. The chapter explores the complexities of love, fate, and personal growth, inviting readers to contemplate the nature of true companionship and the foundations necessary for a lasting bond.