

Chapter 113

In Chapter 113 of "All the Colors of the Dark," the protagonist, Saint, is at her wedding, standing before the townspeople and her groom, Jimmy, in a formal setting. Despite her best efforts to smile and recite her vows, she experiences an emotional moment when she spots Patch, a significant person from her past, briefly meeting his gaze before he disappears. After the ceremony, as guests throw confetti outside, she slips away from her husband to seek out Patch, who has stayed away from the festivities. Their conversation reflects their deep history: Patch shares a bit about his life while Saint reveals that their mutual friend, Sammy, is doing well.

Saint contemplates her current life with Jimmy. She wrestles with feelings of discontent, knowing Jimmy's expectations for their future contrast sharply with her own desires. Although she reassures Patch that Jimmy treats her well, she internally grapples with the realization that she is making sacrifices and setting aside her aspirations, including her career as a cop, for the life Jimmy envisions for them, which requires her to abandon her identity.

In a poignant interaction, Patch embraces Saint, both are aware of the emotional gravity of their connection. "I miss you," she whispers, to which Patch responds, "Every day." Their conversation hints at unspoken truths and unresolved feelings, but they acknowledge that discussing them may not bring about change.

Returning to the reception, Saint is greeted by Jimmy, who compliments her appearance and lightly teases her hairstyle choice. As the celebration continues, Saint engages with the guests, putting on a front of happiness despite her emotional turmoil. The chapter closes with an intimate moment between Saint and Jimmy on the dance floor. As they sway to music, she sings softly, evoking her hidden feelings while navigating her conflicting emotions about love and identity. The contrast between her inner thoughts and her outward performance captures her struggle for connection and fulfillment.