

Chapter 117

In Chapter 117 of "All the Colors of the Dark," the protagonist, Saint, immerses herself in the city's atmosphere, engaging in activities like attending a theater performance of "Hamlet" and indulging in barbecue chicken during solitary dinners. She regularly returns home to see Jimmy, who has been withdrawn since his exam failure. Their conversations reveal tension, particularly when Jimmy reacts violently to her decision to spend more time in Kansas.

Saint reflects on Jimmy's anger, attributing it to insecurity, while also navigating her own path toward self-improvement. She starts running at dawn, gradually increasing her stamina. A visit to a local salon leads to a new hairstyle, signaling her desire to embrace change as she observes the evolving fashion trends around her.

On Sundays, she frequents the farmer's market, channeling her grandmother's nurturing spirit as she selects fresh produce, cooking enough to savor throughout the month. This routine brings her peace in her solitary apartment, a space she appreciates more without Jimmy's presence. Their phone interactions highlight the emotional distance; he often remains reticent about her day, intensifying her solitude.

Evenings find Saint on her new sofa, listening to old interview tapes of Patch, whose wistful declaration of missing someone resonates with her own feelings of longing. The context of her mission becomes clearer as she contemplates her trade with Himes: her search for Grace in exchange for FBI resources to locate Joseph Macauley. Training with Himes's team introduces her to a serious side of crime-fighting, marked by his somber reminder of the stakes involved in their pursuit.

Saint's lunchtime inquiry into Himes's motives reveals a personal connection; his hope for his daughter evokes a sense of urgency to save Joseph before another harsh reality befalls him. Himes's reflections about luck and consequences underscore the gravity of their mission, propelling Saint further into the complexities of her task as she contemplates the moral implications of their pursuit.