

# Chapter 125

In Chapter 125 of "All the Colors of the Dark," the protagonist, Patch, reflects on his journey as he traverses across states. Hitchhikers come and go, while a couple grumbles about their fellow travelers. He recalls watching a woman on horseback against the rising sun before arriving at Stillwater. Here, he gives up his seat on the crowded bus to a young girl who is pregnant but too young to fully grasp the implications of her condition. His travels take him through Oklahoma City, where he spends an entire night at a bus station.

During this time, Patch finds a pay phone and reaches out to Saint, reminiscing about Callie Montrose, a girl who might have shared experiences similar to his own—hunting and playing games in the woods. He reflects on the tragic fate of Callie and other girls, questioning the senseless violence that has impacted them. Saint, sensing Patch's emotional turmoil, tries to guide him away from reckless thinking, while Patch grapples with darker memories of his past and the dangerous paths he's walked.

As they talk, the conversation shifts, and Patch contemplates motherhood, admiring Saint's potential as a nurturing figure compared to his own experiences. He acknowledges his feelings of being on the brink of turmoil, citing that he was always close to falling. Their conversation reveals the depth of their friendship, even as Patch admits to a hustler's lifestyle and the struggles that come with it. Saint's ongoing search for a rosary brings a sense of purpose to their exchange.

Before he knows it, Saint has traced his call, unbeknownst to Patch. He walks through town, reflecting on his life and relationships. While resting on a bench outside St. Joseph's Cathedral, he meets an elderly woman who, through conversation, brings warmth to his solitude. Their exchange emphasizes understanding and connection, hinting at Patch's movement from dark experiences into lighter moments with Grace, whom he loves dearly.

The chapter concludes dramatically with Patch robbing the MidFirst Bank shortly before Saint arrives, indicating that consequences are closing in on him .