

Chapter 138

In Chapter 138 of "All the Colors of the Dark," the scene opens with a heavy rainstorm, as Saint approaches Nix, who is seated on a bench under a tree. Despite the deluge, he seems contemplative, focused on the tree's roots. Saint, seeking answers, expresses her desire to find something belonging to a person they are searching for—something that would provide identity and a sense of history.

Their conversation is poignant as Saint questions how she should navigate her feelings and the situation at hand. Nix reassures her, implying that she possesses the inner knowledge to handle these dilemmas. They discuss the implications of love, as Nix reflects on the seriousness of loving someone deeply and the motivations that can drive one to chase a narrative or explore a past, suggesting a fundamental connection to identity and belonging.

The exchange shifts to personal beliefs and faith as Saint inquires about Nix's prayer life. He reveals that he seeks understanding for his past mistakes during his weekly prayers. Despite her admiration for Nix, Saint feels estranged from the church community, particularly after past controversies that affected her family and the town. She explains her method of praying at home or by the lake, in her own way, without the formalities expected by the church.

Their dialogue reveals deep-seated insecurities, with Nix attempting to reassure Saint of her goodness, despite her doubts. The chapter explores themes of identity, faith, and the complexities of human connection. Saint expresses concern over how her actions might test her grandmother's faith in her, and Nix replies with optimism about her character. This reflection on their lives and the acknowledgment of personal struggles underscores the emotional gravity of their situation, culminating in a blend of longing, reflection, and hope amidst the rain.