

Chapter 146

In Chapter 146 of "All the Colors of the Dark," Misty repeatedly expresses her desire to see the musical film "Grease" at the old Palace 7 during a hike with Patch. Despite his attempts to redirect the conversation towards topics like alluvial and glacial meltwater, Misty insists on the film, revealing that she remembers all the lyrics and even hints at a nostalgic connection to a yellow dress she once wore while watching it. Their dialogue weaves between light-hearted banter and darker reflections, as Patch mentions a grim anecdote about a man in prison protesting poor hygiene standards, causing Misty to frown momentarily.

Despite her cheerful reminiscence about the film, Misty's mood shifts when discussing the potential cake for an upcoming event, specifically mentioning Mitzie, a baker known for her heavenly cakes. The mention of Mitzie's psoriasis, however, brings an uncomfortable pause to their conversation as Patch jokes about the cake possibly containing "a lot of skin," which dampens Misty's spirits.

As they continue their hike, Misty seems increasingly withdrawn, failing to appreciate the nature surrounding them - the butterfly glade, the roadrunners, or the lush pastures. She does not engage with her English muffins, further signifying her distracted state of mind. The chapter culminates when they return to the car and Patch attempts to restart the conversation about the movie, only for Misty to cut him off with an enthusiastic acceptance, stating she would love to go. The exchange illustrates the juxtaposition of lighthearted nostalgia against an undercurrent of discomfort, leaving the reader with a sense of foreboding about the nature of their relationship and the impact of external ailments on their lives.