

Chapter 207

In Chapter 207 of "All the Colors of the Dark," Saint arrives at Miami International Airport, amidst the lively atmosphere and rising humidity. As she navigates through the throngs of vacationers, her shirt clinging to her in the heat, she picks up her Ford Crown Victoria and makes her way along the 95 Express toward her destination. Saint feels a sense of relief as she recalls her coordination with Himes about the FBI's approval for surveillance cameras to be installed outside a church where Eli Aaron had recently appeared to gather another set of rosary beads.

Sister Cecile divulges that after obtaining the beads, Eli entered the chapel and lit a dozen candles, claiming to Sister Isabelle that he was engaged in God's work and heading south, a location "hotter in many ways." With specific license plates and information about the van's make and model, the authorities tracked Eli through the city but momentarily lost him, suspecting he might have switched vehicles or plates.

Despite the challenges, the agents established roadblocks and checkpoints while scrutinizing countless hours of surveillance footage. They mapped Eli's probable route, tracing it through Philadelphia, down to the Carolinas, and along the coast through Wilmington and Myrtle Beach. His journey continued, leading inland along Interstate 81 in Virginia and then onto Interstate 77 through Charlotte before rejoining Interstate 95, ultimately directed toward Miami.

The pursuit over the course of thirteen hundred miles proved arduous and fraught with uncertainties. After hours of tracking, they finally caught a lead at a toll booth fifty miles from Boca Raton where the attendant noted discrepancies in the license plates, yet recognized the van from circulated photographs.

As Saint rolls down her window, she breathes in the bustling sounds of Miami-Dade County, gazing at the skyline dominated by gray high-rises. With determination in her voice, she declares, "I'm coming for you," signaling her unwavering commitment to confront Eli Aaron. The chapter encapsulates the tension and urgency of the chase while illustrating Saint's resolve.