

Chapter 208

In Chapter 208 of "All the Colors of the Dark," Agent Gil briefs Saint in the Miami Division building about the urgent situation surrounding the disappearance of Ashlee Miller, a twenty-two-year-old woman abducted two hours earlier from Crystal Avenue, where a van had mounted the sidewalk. The atmosphere is tense as they contemplate the motives behind the abductions. Saint expresses her frustration over the lack of leads, noting that the perpetrator seems to select "sinners," which complicates the investigation further.

Their confined office feels stifling as they work against the clock. While Agent Gil makes frantic phone calls, Saint sifts through the case files and reflects on her past conversations about other missing individuals, specifically a sixteen-year-old named Summer Reynolds. Patch had provided details about Summer, highlighting her troubled relationship with a boyfriend and her promising skills in multiple areas, including piano and mathematics. Saint finds herself sinking deeper into the memories; she desires insights beyond the basics.

Saint is surprised to discover that Summer, despite not being popular, was a capable Girl Scout with impressive survival skills. This revelation leads her to make connections to Ashlee Miller, questioning whether she shared similar hobbies like camping. She learns from Agent Gil that Ashlee had spent the previous weekend in the Ocala National Forest with her girlfriend, prompting a fleeting thought about Eli Aaron, a man who had mentioned a love for camping. Saint wonders if Eli might have crossed paths with Ashlee or even targeted her.

Agent Gil swiftly mobilizes resources, knowing that the suspect likely changed their vehicle's license plates. He coordinates patrol cars to survey the campsites in the Keys, demonstrating a proactive approach to the escalating crisis. Soon, a call comes in, hinting that they might be close to a breakthrough in their search for Ashlee. The chapter encapsulates a gripping, time-sensitive investigation, filled with anxiety and determination as they race to uncover the truth and save a life.