

Chapter 235

In Chapter 235 of "All the Colors of the Dark," the protagonist, Saint, engages in a heart-wrenching conversation with Marty Tooms about Callie Montrose. As they talk, it becomes clear that Tooms is grappling with profound grief and regret. His tears reveal the emotional burden he's carried regarding Callie's death, and as he recounts the events, the conversation shifts between sorrow and memories of love.

Tooms recalls the hemorrhage that occurred during Callie's pregnancy—an event he feels responsible for, even though it was beyond his control. Throughout their discussion, Tooms's emotional turmoil is evident. Saint learns that Callie's father is a central figure in this tragedy, and when Tooms finally mentions Nix, the depth of their connection and love is revealed. Saint reflects on how their affection unfolded amidst societal judgment and personal turmoil.

Tooms had helped pregnant girls in secret, a fact he never disclosed to Nix to protect him from complicity in the scandal. His loyalty to Callie is unwavering; he refuses to betray her even after her passing. Despite Nix's frequent urging for Tooms to recount the truth regarding Callie's situation, Tooms stands firm in his belief that she deserves safeguarding in death, just as she did in life.

The revelation surfaces that Callie's father had assaulted her, leading to her pregnancy and subsequent demise. Tooms acts out of a fierce sense of duty to honor Callie's memory and protect her legacy. He had written to Richie, Callie's father, to warn him that he would not find peace. Saint contemplates the moral complexities of betrayal and allegiance as she realizes the stakes involved in their trust and connections.

As the chapter concludes, a poignant moment occurs when Saint embraces Tooms, illustrating an emotional exchange that underscores the weight of the truths they've shared and the trust they've fostered. The chapter encapsulates themes of love, loss, and the difficult choices people make when faced with betrayal and the pursuit of justice.