

Encounter #1 with the Rainbow-Haired Girl

In the chapter titled "Dizzy," twelve-year-old Dizzy Fall grapples with the emotional fallout of losing her best friend Lizard, now Tristan, to newfound popularity and a girlfriend, Melinda. The two had been inseparable, sharing secrets and exploring the wonders of existence, with Lizard leaning toward natural disasters and Dizzy captivated by fantastical stories of saints and yogis. Their friendship faced a seismic shift after they shared a brief kiss, which failed to ignite the expected thrill.

At school, while Lizard and Melinda flaunt their relationship, Dizzy feels increasingly isolated, with her usual bubbly self replaced by a sense of despair. As she navigates through a day filled with humiliation—culminating in a crushing dodgeball incident where Tony Spencer insults her in front of classmates—Dizzy's emotional turmoil pushes her to escape school entirely.

She wanders away from the hurt only to inadvertently step into traffic, seemingly determined to leave her troubles behind. Just as an oncoming truck threatens her life, a mysterious rainbow-haired girl appears, pushing Dizzy out of harm's way. Dizzy, in disbelief, finds herself unharmed, despite the chaos around her. The girl's intervention leaves a lasting impression on her, embodying hope amidst her turmoil.

Afterward, Dizzy recalls the girl's vivid appearance and the calming feeling she induced, unaware that others cannot see her. The memory of the girl, who smelled like magenta and radiated light, lingers brightly in Dizzy's mind. Brought back from the brink, she reflects on her earlier panic, now transformed by the girl's influence, which seemed to vanquish her fears in an instant. No longer just a girl watching life from the sidelines, Dizzy's brush with mortality and a potential encounter with a mystical savior opens a new chapter of possibility in her life.