

## THE DEATH CURE: Chapters 40-50

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(Audio [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaUm0nK\\_ZXA&t=12145s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaUm0nK_ZXA&t=12145s) )

### ❖ A. **SKIM** ch. 40-50. Order the text: match the descriptions with the number of the chapter.

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When the gang gets to the Central Zone again, the guards come running back, yelling at everyone to run back to the Berg. A huge crowd of Cranks are after them. The friends reach the Berg and fly away.

The Right Arm is supposedly the 'good' group, so this whole situation is confusing. One of the guards says that if they want answers, they need to talk to the boss. The guards keep saying that they don't know anything except that they were supposed to round up a bunch of immune people—so Minho takes the Launcher and threatens them for more information. After one guy repeats that he doesn't know anything, Minho fires. So now the other two guards are shaken up and scared; it seems like Minho is a madman. Finally, Minho gets one guard to speak: the man says he can take a couple of the immune people back to talk to the boss. The man also says that if they want to go, they should go soon, because Cranks are everywhere, and they're killing anything that moves.

Lawrence, Brenda and Thomas exit the van, and they're immediately taken by the boss's guards. Thomas and Brenda are led up a bunch of stairs and into a conference room. Gally is sitting on the right, and a really man is sitting next to him. After Thomas asks who's in charge, Gally laughs and assures him it's actually the fat guy, whose name is Vince. Vince tells Thomas what's going on: the Right Arm are collecting immunes to mimic WICKED. Turns out Right Arm is doing this so they can use these immunes to get inside WICKED's headquarters.

Turns out that the woman on the roof of the van is the same woman who wanted to kiss Thomas back in the bowling alley. Lawrence shakes the woman off of the van, and they drive to the boss's headquarters. Suddenly, the van jerks back and forth and comes to a stop. Lawrence turns on the headlights, illuminating a bunch of Cranks blocking the road.

Thomas decides to go to Gally's. Then Thomas remembers about Newt's note and decides to read it. The note reads: "Kill me. If you've ever been my friend, kill me". So Thomas realizes that that was the reason why Newt had been so angry at Thomas when they showed up at the bowling alley.

They reach their destination. Thomas removes his hood and sees a room filled with people sitting on the floor. One woman approaches him and asks him what it's like outside. Apparently, the government issued a state of emergency without warning, and immune people are being captured and taken to this place. This woman used to be a guard at Crank Palace before she was taken. As Thomas surveys the people in the room, he realizes that Aris is among them. Aris recognizes Thomas and comes over. A few girls from Group B are also there. Then Teresa appears. Teresa approaches Thomas and tells him they have lots to talk about. She adds that most of their group was captured by different bounty hunters, including Frypan. They were probably sold back to WICKED. Thomas agrees to talk with Teresa, although he doesn't want to.

The woman guard promises everyone that the Right Arm are the good guys. The guards don't know what the Right Arm has planned, but it includes getting everyone out of Denver. Thomas decides that he and Brenda will be the ones who go to the boss. Minho will stay there and make sure nothing bad happens with the Right Arm people. The guard by the name Lawrence leads Brenda and Thomas back to the van. When they get to the van, they hear a loud thud: someone has jumped onto the roof.

The gang arrives back at the Denver airport. Three people with pistols and a launcher stop the gang when they exit the Berg. The friends are led to a van. Then black hoods are put over their heads so that they won't be able to see where they're going.

Their van crashes into a wall and Cranks attack the van, just like zombies would. One Crank woman has a shovel, and she's attacking the windows with it. Another man has a sledgehammer, and he smashes the windshield, creating a giant spider web crack. Brenda hands Thomas a gun, and he goes nuts firing it. Finally, Lawrence gets the van loose. Finally, our heroes arrive at their destination.

Teresa begins by telling Thomas that they looked for his group but couldn't find them. In fact, they didn't leave Thomas behind; they thought Thomas and his group left them behind. Thomas isn't having any of it (=he doesn't believe her). He still doesn't trust Teresa. Teresa adds that WICKED doesn't plan to stop the Trials until they get their blueprint. What's strange is that Teresa agrees with Thomas about WICKED now that she has her memories back. Teresa pleads with Thomas for him and his group to join back with her group and do something. But Thomas isn't sure that that would be the right thing to do.

When a guard tries to hand Minho his bread and water, Minho refuses, then leaps onto the guy holding the Launcher. Soon, everyone in the room is helping Minho disable the guards. Thomas pulls out the Launcher and aims it at the three guards who are now lined up against the wall. He demands to know what WICKED's plans are. One of the guards tells them they aren't part of WICKED. They work for the Right Arm.

❖ B. Listen to the audio ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaUm0nK\\_ZXA&t=12145s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaUm0nK_ZXA&t=12145s) ) and follow along with the text, **ch. 50 ONLY (6:16:30)**. Pause the recording after each expression below and mark the time (both in the chart below and in the margins of the text).

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- *the rush of pumping blood inside his head*  
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- *Lawrence broke the silence*  
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- *Thomas forced himself to sit up and face the front again.*  
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- *They'll recognize me soon enough.*  
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- *Thomas waited, anxious for his cue.*  
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- *The man cut Lawrence off.*  
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- *I thought that was WICKED kind of stuff.*  
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- *Thomas didn't know what he'd expected.*  
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- *Thomas shrugged.*  
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- *plastic chairs scattered haphazardly around the room*  
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- *And show some respect.*  
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- *Imagine our surprise when we found out the Right Arm was just as bad as the people they're supposedly fighting against.*  
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- *this is a look-alike operation*  
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