

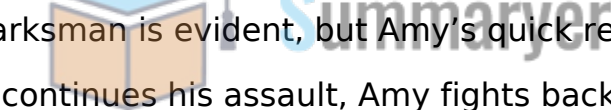
Chapter 61

In Chapter 61 of *We Solve Murders*, Amy is engulfed by anxiety, her thoughts consumed by the looming threats that have followed her since the deaths of Steve and others. These tragic losses serve as a grim reminder of the dangerous world she's immersed in, forcing her to confront the darker aspects of the life she leads. As she struggles with the emotional weight of the situation, she continues to rely on her honed instincts and the skills she has developed over the years. Eddie Flood, who has been involved in numerous lethal schemes and proved himself to be a formidable adversary, remains a constant presence in her mind. Despite the turmoil she faces, Amy is determined to confront Eddie and take control of her fate, aware that he poses a significant threat that cannot be ignored. She understands that surviving this ordeal will require not just physical strength, but mental acuity, and she steels herself for the challenge ahead.

Amy's resolve leads her to Dublin Airport, where she waits, concealed in a stolen Mercedes, closely observing the taxi queue in anticipation of Eddie's arrival. She expects him to be on flight F716A, and her instincts tell her that after a night of rest, Eddie will make his way to Cork. As she waits in tense silence, her mind occasionally wanders to Jeff Nolan, considering whether his involvement in the recent murders might have more layers than she first suspected. However, Amy quickly dismisses the thought, reassured by her belief that Jeff would not want to harm her directly. Instead, her focus remains on Eddie, knowing that any move she makes will be pivotal in the dangerous game she is now playing. The pressure of the situation weighs heavily on her, but she stays focused, prepared for whatever may come.

The atmosphere in the airport becomes increasingly charged with tension as Amy forces herself to remain calm. Just when she begins to let her guard down slightly, a distraction arrives in the form of a photo sent by Rosie, showing her and Steve

enjoying their time at the hotel bar. The image provides a brief, almost fleeting sense of normalcy and connection, but it quickly fades as reality crashes back in. The tension mounts again when Amy's worst fear becomes a reality—Eddie appears, and without warning, he opens fire from behind a car, disrupting her momentary sense of relief. The blast of gunfire forces Amy into action, her instincts kicking in as she narrowly avoids being hit. The narrow escape is a stark reminder of the lethal danger she faces, and as the situation escalates, it becomes clear that Amy is now in the middle of a high-stakes confrontation where survival is not guaranteed.



Eddie's skill as a marksman is evident, but Amy's quick reflexes and determination surprise him. As he continues his assault, Amy fights back with unexpected agility, counterattacking in a moment of pure survival instinct. With her heart racing, she makes a split-second decision to flee the scene, diving into a nearby taxi. The driver, sensing the chaos and urgency surrounding her, doesn't hesitate to accelerate, speeding away from the danger as fast as possible. Amy instructs the driver to take her to the Temple Bar Hotel, staying low in the back seat to avoid being seen. As the cab races through the streets, another gunshot rings out, shattering the rear window. The sound of the glass breaking only heightens the sense of danger, but Amy remains focused on escaping and surviving. The situation has become even more precarious, but Amy's quick thinking and fast actions ensure she has a chance to regroup and avoid immediate harm.

This chapter not only demonstrates Amy's resourcefulness but also reveals the depth of her resolve. Despite being caught in a life-or-death struggle, Amy's determination shines through, showing that she will not back down easily. Her ability to stay composed under pressure, even when facing lethal threats, highlights her strength as a character. The chapter concludes with Amy still reeling from the encounter, but also with a sense of cautious optimism. Though she has narrowly escaped death, the battle is far from over. Amy knows that Eddie, and those like him, will not stop coming after her, and she will have to continue outsmarting them to stay alive. The stakes have been raised, and as the tension continues to build, it becomes clear that Amy's fight for survival will be long and difficult. The challenges ahead are daunting, but her

courage and determination will be key in overcoming them.

