

Chapter 71

In Chapter 71 of "We Solve Murders," Steve arrives at Gary Gough's house, stepping out of a helicopter confidently. It hasn't been long since their last encounter, where they discussed Gary's daughter. Gary approaches, and Steve explains the need for a quiet landing spot, to which Gary responds nonchalantly about legality regarding heliport usage. Rosie, one of the companions, adds a humorous touch, suggesting anyone with a helipad is likely involved in unlawful activities. Amy, observing Gary, inquires about his dubious past, linking him to submarine drug smuggling.

Steve reveals a sense of urgency, explaining they are in danger as someone is attempting to kill both Rosie and Amy. Gary responds with a mix of skepticism and interest, expressing a desire to be involved, hinting at a monetary motive. Amid the tension, Henk introduces himself, adding his Dutch identity to the mix. The conversation toggles between danger and banter with Henk jokingly suggesting that if he turns up dead, the blame should fall on the trio.

As they walk toward the house, Steve spots Lauren Gough and her friend, Mollie Bright, joyfully watching videos—a moment of normalcy amid their chaos. Gary shares some insights about Lauren's conflicts, mentioning her aspirations of becoming a veterinarian and a recent reconciliation with Mollie, illustrating the complexities of adolescence.

After deliberating transportation, they decide against a minibus, preferring Gary's Range Rover. As Rosie drives them, an encounter with Felicity from the minibus unfolds, highlighting another layer of community connection and humor. Felicity mentions organizing Steve's cupboards, showcasing her penchant for tidiness. The mood lightens further with friendly exchanges and an acknowledgment of the looming pub quiz.

As they prepare to leave, Lauren approaches Rosie for a selfie, momentarily shifting focus from the underlying tensions—indicative of a world intertwined with danger and celebrity, underscoring the chapter's mix of action, humor, and interpersonal dynamics as they navigate through complexities of their lives.

