

THE DEATH CURE: Chapters 18-27

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(Audio https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaUm0nK_ZXA&t=12145s)

❖ A. SKIM ch. 18-27. Order the text: match the descriptions with the number of the chapter.

Ch.	Thomas is in a lot of pain. Two guards stand over Thomas with Launchers, but the friends defeat them. They pull Thomas inside the Berg, and the doors lock. Thomas passes out.
Ch.	They land in Denver, Jorge informs everyone that they all have fake identities (fake last names). The security at the Denver airport makes them go through tests to make sure that they don't have the Flare. They finally get past security and enter a mall. Thomas has no idea what a mall is (he's never seen one, because he grew up at WICKED). A man in a suit quickly comes up to them and says he knows that they escaped from WICKED. The man hands Thomas a slip of paper. He says that he's only asking for help, and he assures them that they'll all be protected when they arrive. The slip of paper says: "I'm with a group called the Right Arm. Corner of Kenwood and Brookshire, Apartment 2792". The note is from Gally, who threw killed a boy by the name of Chuck in the maze (in the previous book).
Ch.	There's a gun fight with bullets flying everywhere. The guards are getting shot. Meanwhile, Jorge runs to the Berg and tells everyone to make a run for it. They all start running toward him. Brenda gets hit by a grenade in the back. Jorge enters the Berg and comes out with a different kind of Launcher. This one explodes into flames. As Jorge starts shooting, Thomas and Newt pick up Brenda up carry her toward the entrance of the Berg. As Jorge pulls Brenda into the Berg, Thomas gets hit by a grenade.
Ch.	Thomas hates Gally for killing Chuck back in the Maze. Brenda then tells everyone about Gally and how WICKED was using him. The psychological damage that Gally went through must have been unbearable. Gally tried to eat chairs and ripped his own hair out. Jorge explains that the Right Arm is an underground group whose aim is to stop WICKED. Thomas decides that they should go to Gally first. In the city most people wear masks and hold rags to their mouths and noses, and everyone looks uneasy. Thomas sees a poster showing a woman. The poster reads, "CHANCELLOR PAIGE LOVES YOU". Thomas remembers that Brenda has said that Chancellor Paige was the only one they could trust. The friends finally arrive at Gally's place. Gally's happy they came. He's afraid that the end of the World is coming.
Ch.	When Thomas wakes up, he's sleeping on a cot. Brenda comes in and tells him they're all okay. The other kids all landed in Denver. The friends decide to go to Denver to catch up with them.

Ch.	<p>So, WICKED has taken control of Thomas at this point, and makes Thomas fight his friends. After hitting Minh and Brenda, Thomas grabs a knife by the kitchen. Thomas keeps saying "I can't... let you... do this". This whole time, Thomas himself is trying to fight WICKED's control of him. Thomas is finally restrained, and Hans sedates him.</p>
Ch.	<p>Brenda tells the friends about Hans. Hans lives in Denver, he's a doctor and he's immune. He also used to work for WICKED, but he left because he disagreed with their motives. Brenda claims that she herself has never really liked WICKED. Hans can take the chips out of the heads of Thomas and Minh so that WICKED can't track them anymore. The friends decide to go to Denver. But Newt will have to stay on the Berg, because he's infected.</p>
Ch.	<p>Thomas tells everyone about the dreams he has been having. No one can make any sense of them.</p>
Ch.	<p>Gally tells everyone how WICKED gave him his memory back, without him asking for it. Gally also expresses remorse about killing Chuck. Gally explains that members of the Right Arm want to use WICKED's money to actually help people, and not just mindless experiments that kill kids. It also turns out that Gally faked being crazy back at WICKED so that he could get sent away. Gally also informs the friends that many people have the Flare in Denver and that immune people are often disappearing. People say that WICKED is capturing them to use again—for new trials. Gally has seen the other Gladers, too: he found out about the immunes being captured from Teresa. The worst news out of all: WICKED is hunting down Hans, because WICKED thinks the escaped Gladers went to Denver to find Hans.</p>
Ch.	<p>Thomas decides to trust Gally. He doesn't know why, he just does. The next morning the friends find Hans's house. Hans is an old man who hates WICKED. After some arguing, Brenda convinces Hans to help Thomas and Minh get the chips out of their brains. As Hans goes to get his tools, Thomas has a panic attack. His body starts having spasms, and something takes control over him. Could it be WICKED trying to control him? Then Thomas can only say: "I can't... let you... do this"</p>

❖ B. Listen to the audio (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaUm0nK_ZXA&t=12145s) and follow along with the text, **ch. 25-27 ONLY**. 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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| • <i>play by their rules</i> | • <i>nervous, but determined to get this over with</i> |
| • <i>That's a bunch of klunk.</i> | • <i>What kind of nonsense is this?</i> |
| • <i>First off,</i> | • <i>The sooner, the better</i> |
| • <i>We need a reason to trust you.</i> | • <i>But just as quickly as it had come, it was gone.</i> |
| • <i>Brenda was clearly impatient.</i> | • <i>only drool came out of his mouth</i> |
| • <i>government bigwigs</i> | • <i>Thomas fought desperately against it</i> |
| • <i>It's causing a lot of headaches.</i> | • <i>...the harder he tried to drop it, the more tightly his fingers clenched</i> |
| • <i>Thomas's anxiety went up a notch.</i> | • <i>and they had yet to come across the aftermath</i> |
| • <i>And it's pretty obvious that's never gonna happen.</i> | • <i>He hovered over him, heaving to catch his breath.</i> |
| • <i>Gally shrugged.</i> | • <i>Thomas was on his feet in an instant.</i> |
| • <i>Gally, do you swear everything you told us is true?</i> | • <i>Thomas desperately wanted to tell Minho that he was right</i> |
| • <i>You saw what I'd done for WICKED</i> | • <i>He'd given up.</i> |
| • <i>a friend of a friend of an enemy's enemy</i> | • <i>Hold him as still as possible</i> |