Jasper's best friend, Jeffery, has also experienced racism in Corrington, as Charlie writes. "That's why I hate it here. I don't get why we have to deal with it. It's like a curse on this town."

Some of the problems are more surface level, like the way people treat each other. "Charlie's a good kid, but he's still got to deal with it. It's like a weight on his shoulders."

But there are deeper issues, too. "Jasper's family lives in a different world than mine. They have to be careful about how they present themselves."

The way Charlie talks about Jasper is different from the way Jeffery does. Jeffery's stories are more, "I'm telling you this because it's true, but it's not like you can do anything about it."

Instead, Charlie talks with more conviction. "Jasper's story is not just his story. It's everyone's."

As the chapter progresses, Jeffery becomes more confident and willing to talk about his own experiences. "I've been through a lot, but I'm still alive. That's what matters."

But even with this, there's a sense of sadness that permeates the conversation. "I just wish things could be different. But they never will."

The final line of the chapter is a powerful one. "Charlie's family has always been treated unfairly. They are in a situation where it's hard to feel like you have a voice."

This sets up the next chapter, where we will see how Charlie's story continues to unfold.