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Part 1, Chapter 1 Summary

Cady introduces us to her family, the Sinclairs, "athletic, tall, and handsome" (3). She describes them as people who, even though things are going very wrong, pretend otherwise. Divorces may shred families, and trust funds may disappear, but the Sinclairs still pretend to have no problems and to be "normal." As Cady puts it, "We are Sinclairs. No one is needy. No one is wrong".

Part 1, Chapter 4 Summary

Cady describes her friends Gat, Mirren, and Johnny. The Liars have been meeting on the island since they were eight years old. Cady describes Gat's first arrival with Ed, his father. The grandparents don't seem happy with Ed or Gat, who are dark-skinned because they are of South Asian descent. But Cady falls in love with Gat instantly. He is very intense and seems "spring-loaded." She thinks he is "[a]mbition and strong coffee." The Liars run away from the adults and make Cuddledown House their home. The tiny beach near the House is where their friendship is born and where it will die.

Part 1, Chapter 6 Summary

It is summer fifteen, and when Cady arrives at Beechwood Island, she wants to see Gat because she is in love with him. However, she sees him place dried beach roses in an envelope and mail them to someone else. She is very hurt. She goes to the beach and tears all the roses "off a single sad bush."

Part 1, Chapter 11 Summary

Granny Tipper dies. Cady describes all the things she and Harris collected for Clairmont House, and she recalls her grandmother fondly. Thinking of her makes Cady feel as if she had melted: "I was pure liquid loss." In typical Sinclair family fashion, everyone in the family tries to act as if nothing bad had happened. No one spoke of Tipper. Gat still talks about her in ways that Cady thinks are "so casual and truthful." Gat and Cady trade tokens of love.

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He leaves sayings for her while she gives him drawings. Cady says she feels "no barrier between" the two of them.

Part 2, Chapter 16 Summary

Cady remembers books of fairy tales her father gave her. She tells a fairy tale about a father with three beautiful daughters. He asks each daughter how much she loves him, and the two eldest respond in flattering ways. The youngest says she loves him as meat loves salt. He exiles her. She becomes a cook, and when her elder sisters are married, she is hired to cook the pig for the wedding feast. But she does so without salt. The king is puzzled, and she explains to him that she left out salt because he exiled his daughter for saying salt had value. He realizes she loved him all along and takes her back into his life. She wonders if she stays because she loves him or because she will inherit the kingdom.

Part 3, Chapter 23 Summary

Cady and her mother arrive at Beechwood Island and are greeted by Aunt Carrie. They talk about drugs and alcohol. Cady discovers that the old Clairmont House has been torn down and rebuilt. Granddad now has dementia and is forgetful. Cady misses certain things about the old Clairmont, such as the maple tree swing she and the Liars played on. Her mother reminds her to be normal. Then, she finds the Liars, and she feels she's finally home.

Part 3, Chapter 28 Summary

Cady begins to remember more of the day in summer fifteen when she had an accident, but many of the details remain unclear. She imagines a witch banging on her skull, and she takes pills to make the pain go away. She sometimes stays in bed for two days at a time.

Part 3, Chapter 34 Summary

Cady talks to the Littles. Liberty is into clothes and boys. Bonnie has a book on apparitions. Cady asks Taft and Will about the previous summer, but they refuse to talk about it. The Littles ask if Cady is a drug addict.

Part 3, Chapter 35 Summary

Cady is at Cuddle down with the Liars. Her old crayon art is still on the refrigerator. The three of them redecorate the House, taking down Bess's things and putting up their own. They still refuse to talk about summer fifteen, but Gat and Cady are now closer than ever.

Part 3, Chapter 42 Summary

Cady has another memory of summer fifteen. She gets into an argument with Granddad over the ivory goods he had gotten Tipper in China. She objects because ivory is illegal. She sees her grandfather as privileged, as someone "who didn't care who got hurt, so long as his wife had the cute statues she wanted to display in her summerhouses." Cady urges Granddad to sell the ivory and give the money to charity. He gets angry.

Part 3, Chapter 43 Summary

Cady hangs out with the Liars at Cuddledown. Gat suggests they "act like friends and forget what happened." But Cady wants to remember. She wants to hold Gat and never let go. She convinces herself to be normal for now and not make a fuss. She gives Gat some fudge and is joyful when he loves it.

Part 3, Chapter 50 Summary

Cady and Mirren talk on the beach. Mirren confesses she has been lying about her boyfriend and sex. She tells Cady to leave Gat alone because she will hurt him.

Part 3, Chapter 52 Summary

Gat comes to visit Cady in her room when she is sick in bed. He sees her sticky notes on the wall, which she uses to try to remember summer fifteen. Gat tells her about Raquel during summer fifteen. He says he was cruel to her and Cady. When Cady wakes later, she sees Carrie sleepwalking. Her son, Will, awakes from a nightmare and needs help, but Carrie keeps walking.

Part 4, Chapter 60 Summary

Cady now has more memories. Her mother tried to get her to write to Granddad to get her inheritance. Her mother wants her to present herself as a "well-rounded person, a credit to the family." The aunts also fight over small things like tablecloths. Both Mirren and Cady's mothers ask them to ask Granddad for them.

Part 4, Chapter 64 Summary

Still, in summer fifteen, Gat tells Cady that he feels a victim of racism on Granddad's part. Harris never calls Gat by his name. Gat tells Cady that Carrier fused Ed's offer of marriage because she feared losing her inheritance. Cady and Gat lie on a rock and forget about "every horrid detail of the beautiful Sinclair family."

Part 4, Chapter 69 Summary

Again in summer fifteen, Cady's mother complains that she gets nothing from Granddad even though Cady is the first child. She threatens to take Cady away. Granddad gives them all a lecture about hard work and the values of the family. He tells them they cannot expect financial security without working for it.

Part 4, Chapter 77 Summary

Gat lets her know there is even more to remember. He cries and says he has messed everything up. He feels he should have stayed away from Cady. She kisses him hard and tells him she loves him.

Part 5, Chapter 80 Summary

The truth is that Gat, Mirren, and Johnny died in the fire that Cady asked them to set in Clairmont. She feels so guilty about what happened that she has forgotten the events. Doctors have said this is part of the grieving process. Eventually, after two years away, Cady expressed a desire to return to the island: "On the island, perhaps, she would finish healing."

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Part 5, Chapter 86 Summary

Cady goes to Edgartown with Granddad, who buys her a book of fairy tales. She asks him about Ed and we get the impression Granddad has finally accepted Ed into the family. Cady goes to Cuddledown and cleans up all the debris. She makes a drawing of Gat, Mirren, and Johnny and places it on the refrigerator.

Part 5, Chapter 87 Summary

The final version of the fairy tale is what happened. Three princesses had four children, and three died. But there were survivors, three girls and two boys. After a difficult time of suffering, the family was renewed: "They made a beautiful family still". Cady now realizes that she did something wrong by getting her friends to fire, but she also forgives herself. She concludes her story with the words "I endure."

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