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Plot Summary

Heartless is a novel that is part of the Pretty Little Liars series by the author Sara Shepard. The story follows the four main characters of the book, Emily, Hanna, Spencer, and Aria, as they deal with the aftermath of the disappearance and death of their best friend, Alison. After a slumber party, Alison leaves the barn where the girls are sleeping on Spencer's property, and she is never seen or heard from again. Each of the four remaining girls starts receiving text messages that appear to be from their missing friend. Then, Alison's body is found in the hole the construction workers dug and were pouring cement in to build the family gazebo. The anonymous texter turns out to be Hanna's ex-friend Mona, who tries to run Hanna over with her SUV.

A new text messenger arrives on the scene, using the same signature of "A" and claiming she has information on Alison's death and true killers. Ian, who was blamed for the murder is on the run, and he too is communicating with the girls via instant messenger (IM) to help them find the real killer. A's text messages send Hanna to a mental hospital, Emily to Dutch Amish country, Spencer to believe her mother killed Ali and that her father was having an affair with Ali's mother, and Aria to believe Ali killed herself.

By the end of the novel, the girls even find themselves under arrest for their best friend's murder. The girls are released when the police find evidence on a construction worker's computer that he is the anonymous A. The police also find another body of a girl where he was doing some plumbing work.



Lost and Found

Lost and Found Summary

Best friends Aria, Spencer, Emily, and Hanna meet up near their best friend Alison "Ali" DeLaurentis's house. It's the day after a sleepover the girls had in Ali's barn. The night before, Ali insists on hypnotizing them. Ali ends up storming out of the barn and now she's missing. The girls don't know where she is and Ali's mother has called them over to talk with them. The girls talk to each other before going into the DeLaurentis home. The girls all discuss how they don't remember much from the night before.

They all assume that Ali has gone off somewhere with her older friends from the field hockey team. When they go inside however, Mrs. DeLaurentis says she's called all the girls on the team and Ali's not with any of them. She asks the girls if Ali has been sad or mentioned anyone picking on her, but all of the girls say everyone loves Ali, who is the most popular girl in school. Ali is really the one that is the trendsetter and she makes or breaks the social lives of her peers.

The girls are each thinking that Ali might have dropped them as her friends. If this is the case, they are worried about what secrets she will expose about them. There is one secret, about Aria's dad, that they all learned of recently. As the girls leave Ali's house, they watch the construction workers that are pouring cement for the new gazebo the family is installing.

As the girls go on to enjoy their first full day of summer vacation, they don't realize that the next day Ali's front yard will be filled with news reporters. They also don't realize that three years later, their best friend might just be back.

Lost and Found Analysis

The suggestion is that Ali's hypnosis on the girls worked. This is why they don't remember much about the night before. This would also explain why one of them has a bruise and scratches that she doesn't remember getting—as if they were traipsing through the woods while they were under hypnosis. As the girls watch the construction workers pour the cement, it seems as if they might be watching their friend's body be covered in cement in the hole dug around the gazebo.

The mention of the front yard of the DeLaurentis home being filled with news reporters the following day, implies that Ali doesn't return home. When her parents report her missing, it becomes a big news story in Rosewood because it's a safe suburb where nothing bad every really happens.

The mention of their friend, Ali, returning three years later suggests that someone contacts the three girls. She is claiming to be Ali but the girls doesn't think she is Ali. The

other possibility is that the person claiming to be Ali is somehow blackmailing the girls with all of the secrets that they know about each other.



Chapter 1

Chapter 1 Summary

Emily Fields wakes up in the grass with smoke and fire all around her. Her other friends are coming out of the woods too. The paramedics, cops and news reporters are rushing over to the girls. Emily is thinking about the text messages the girls have been receiving from someone with the initial A. The mysterious texter suggests that the cops investigating Ali's murder are the ones responsible for killing her but that they set Ian Thomas as the killer.

As the paramedics are working on the girls, Emily tells them to help Alison because she's hurt. When Emily points to where Alison was, she's gone. The reporters hear what Emily says about Alison and start asking the girls and the cops questions. They get each of the girls into an ambulance. Emily looks out the ambulance window as it drives her away from the chaos.

Emily sees a cop car with its lights off, but it's not heading toward the fire. She also sees the Cavanaughs with their blind daughter. She sees Mona, who Emily refers to as the original A. who she doesn't see is Ali, who seems to have vanished once again.

Chapter 1 Analysis

Someone using the alias A is sending text messages to Emily, Aria, Hanna Spencer. A is giving the girls clues as to who is really responsible for Alison's death. It seems as if they have declared Alison dead but that her body has yet to be discovered because the girls were meeting with a girl that looked and talked just like Ali in the woods when the fire broke out. There is an inference that one of the secrets the girls have is that they set off fireworks that blinded the Cavanaugh's daughter. This is one of the people standing around when Emily is riding off in the ambulance. The cop car with its lights off and driving away from the chaos suggests that one of the cops is involved in Ali's disappearance or death. It implies that Ali might be in the cop car and that is how she manages to vanish once again.



Chapter 2

Chapter 2 Summary

Six hours later, they are discharging Aria from the emergency room. The nurse tells Aria that Spencer is in room 206 and wants to speak with her before she leaves. As she gets dressed, Aria is thinking about the night before. She is running through the woods heading toward Spencer's house when she slips on wet leaves and hears someone light a match before the woods are on fire. She thinks she sees the body of the person they found in the half-dug hole at the DeLaurentis home almost four years ago—Ali's body. Aria's doctor told her that the noxious fumes from the make could have caused the hallucination. Aria thinks she didn't know that group hallucinations were possible since all of them saw Ali the night before.

When Aria gets to Spencer's room, Hanna and Emily are already there dressed in their own clothes. Spencer is in the hospital gown and bed, hooked up to tubes. Aria breaks out the time capsule flag Ali made, which Aria thinks could contain clues on where Ali went the night of the slumber party. The girls start discussing the hallucination. They are trying to reason that it must have been a hallucination because Ali is dead. Then, they question who it is they saw last night in the woods if it wasn't Ali. Aria also pulls out the class ring of Ian Thomas. She says it was just lying in the dirt in the woods. Ian Thomas is dead and the girls found his body in the woods the previous week. When the cops went to search the woods, however, the body was gone.

The girls talk about whoever set the fire was trying to kill them. They mention getting in touch with Ian in the barn and him saying that Jason and Wilden are behind the murder and the coverup. Aria admits to seeing someone with a hood on in the woods who struck the match. As she is about to tell the others who she thinks it was, Officer Darren Wilden, comes in the room. This is who Aria thinks set the fire.

The girls confront the police officer, saying they know he set the fire and they know why he set it. Wilden denies it and even produces a receipt for a purchase he was making about the time the fire was set. He says it's crazy that the girls think he and Jason, Ali's own brother, would hurt Ali. Aria thinks about how she saw Jason's name all over the Radley log when the Radley was a mental hospital. Aria also went on a few dates with Jason and thinks about how angry he got when Aria showed up at Jason's apartment the week before unannounced.

Wilden tells the girls they have to stop saying they saw Ali. He tells them that it's top secret, but the DNA from the girl in the hole matches Ali. This confirms Ali is dead. He tells the girls that the new A is just a copycat trying to plant ideas in their heads.



Chapter 2 Analysis

The girls are struggling with what is reality and what is just their imaginations. It appears as if someone is going through a lot of trouble to make the girls believe that Ali is alive. There is a mention that Ian Thomas, Ali's alleged killer, escaped, so now he is among the missing as well. Whoever is trying to lead the girls in their own amateur investigation is leaving clues for them to find that makes them believe what the person behind everything wants them to believe.

As Wilden leaves, the girl can't help but think that whoever lit that match is still out there. It foreshadows that more attempts will be made on the girls' lives.



Chapter 3

Chapter 3 Summary

Spencer and her parents are in their house looking out into their ruined backyard. The fire destroyed the woods, their windmill and their lawn. Further destruction came from the emergency vehicles driving on the lawn and the spectators traipsing over it. The 18th century barn apartment is also in ruins from the fire and the rest from the water damage from the firemen trying to douse the fire.

Spencer's parents are gushing over her, which is unusual for them. Even though Spencer is enjoying their unusual attention, she admits that she found out that she is adopted. She also tells them that she met her birth mother and wanted to go live with her in New York City. Spencer gave her the savings account number to cover a deposit and first month's rent on an apartment, but the real estate agent and her birth mother were working together and cleaned the account out and disappeared.

To Spencer's surprise, they say that the money doesn't matter. They are more concerned that Spencer is alive and well than anything else. The Hastings admit that Olivia is Spencer's birth mom, but that she was a surrogate for them because Spencer's sister, Melissa's, birth was so difficult for Veronica Hastings that the doctor told her not to have any more children.

Chapter 3 Analysis

Spencer finds out why she has always felt like an outsider in her own family. She decides to forgive her parents for everything they have done to punish her lately when they beg for her forgiveness. She uncovers the truth about being adopted; she's not adopted, but her parents did use a surrogate to have her. After forgiving her parents, Spencer smells Ali's soap—a vanilla scent—blowing through the year. Since the police are saying Ali is dead and they have the DNA to prove it, then someone is acting as if they are Ali to punish the girls, blackmail them or for some other motive.



Chapter 4

Chapter 4 Summary

Hanna is getting ready for school and talking to her boyfriend, Mike, on the phone. Mike is also Aria's younger brother. Hanna admits that she hasn't heard from the new A since she changed her number and got a new iPhone. Hanna also thinks about how they found out the old A was Hanna's former best friend, Mona Vanderwaal. When Hanna hangs up with Mike, she goes downstairs to find her soon-to-be step-sister, Kate, in the kitchen.

Kate and Hanna dislike each other but might have called a cease-fire at a recent party where Kate told Mike Hanna only asked him out on a bet and Hanna told everyone Kate has herpes. Kate tries to hide a newspaper story about the girls telling lies about seeing Alison. Janna also glimpses a story about the cops possibly not doing everything they can—complete with a picture of Wilden. Hanna's father and soon-to-be stepmother come into the kitchen to talk to Hanna. Hanna's dad says the school counselor called and is concerned that Hanna has post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Mr. Marin starts attributing all of Hanna's problems, such as her lying and eating disorder, which Kate told him about, to the PTSD. He wants to send Hanna to a facility in Delaware for help. Hanna tells her father the letter he received is not from the school counselor, but from the new A. Hanna thinks about how Mona was driving her SUV when she ran over Hanna in the parking lot at school. Mr. Marin mentions that Mona is dead.

When Hanna opens her eyes, she realizes she is urlled up on the kitchen floor and screaming. Her dad, Isabel and Kate are standing over her. Hanna also thinks she hears someone snickering as if their plan is falling into place.

Chapter 4 Analysis

Whoever is posing as A knows a lot about each of the girls. He or she is using this information to pay them back for various things the girls have done over the years, and one girl at a time. additionally, A is trying to make the girls look like they are crazy, so that nobody believes the stories they are telling. Not only is A trying to make other people think the girls are crazy, but she is trying to convince each of the girls that they are crazy too.



Chapter 5

Chapter 5 Summary

On Monday morning, Aria's father, Byron, is driving her to school since her car is on the fritz. Aria is looking at the yellow tape surrounding the woods between her backyard and Spencer's backyard. The police called her the previous night to find out more about whom she saw in the woods and the police have been searching the woods for clues on who started the fire.

As they drive pass Ian's house, she thinks about the IMs the girls were receiving from Ian. Aria wonders why he's giving them the wrong information. She also thinks about how he lost his ring without knowing and why the cops didn't find it before she did in the woods. As they drive past Spencer's street, Aria spots Jenna Cavanaugh and her guide dog. Aria thinks about how Jenna knows more about Ali than she is telling.

Aria admits to her father that she isn't sure what she saw. She also says she wants to believe it was a hallucination when she saw Ali, but finds it strange that they all saw the same thing. Byron admits it is strange. Byron mentions that some people believe that ghosts can't rest until they impart a message on the living. Aria says her father doesn't believe Ian killed Ali either. Byron says that not what he means.

As Byron pulls up to Rosewood Day, Aria's school, reporters surround the car and knock on the window. She gets out as they follow her, questioning her. She slides into the quiet school auditorium. She thinks she hears a creak and sees a shadow. At first, she wonders if it's the person who started the fire. Then, she thinks it might be Ali's ghost trying to tell them something.

Chapter 5 Analysis

Aria is insinuating that Jenna Cavanaugh might be posing as Ali to get back at the girls for blinding her. Aria's father and her mother, although divorced, are both concerned about Aria. Byron is reacting to his daughter's strange behavior differently than Hanna's father, who wants to send her away to get help. Byron suggests that he might believe that his daughter and her friends are seeing the ghost of their dead best friend. He insinuates that Ali might be hanging around to help the girls uncover the real murderer. It might be the real murderer, however, that is trying to throw the girls and the police off his or her trail.



Chapter 6

Chapter 6 Summary

Emily sees a flier that reminds her of her ex-boyfriend, Isaac, that she lost her virginity. He broke up with her after calling her a psycho when she tried to tell him his mom was giving Emily dirty looks while they were dating. Emily also notices as she walks through the school hallways that everyone is staring at her. Spencer shoots her a dirty look, apparently still mad that Emily told the cops they saw Ali in the woods.

When Emily gets to biology, all of the kids are gathered around a computer. She sees the story is about her and her friends, with a caption of their new nickname, Pretty Little Liars. The picture is of the girls in Spencer's hospital room, which was on the second floor, so Emily is wondering how the paparazzi took the picture.

Emily escapes to the bathroom. She receives a text message from A. A tells her to tell her parents she's going on the Boston trip but to really go to Lancaster. A sends Emily to her locker where she has planted more information. Emily goes to her locker and finds an Amish looking costume and a note with instructions on what to do when she gets to Lancaster.

Chapter 6 Analysis

The implication is that Wilden or one of the hospital staff is behind taking the picture of the girls in Spencer's hospital room. Whoever is feeding the reporters information is trying to make the girls look like they are lying. It implies that the girls are on to something about finding Ali's real killer, so he or she is trying to make them look crazy and like liars so that nobody believes what they say.

A is sending Emily posing as an Amish girl to Lancaster. A insinuates that Emily will find Ali living there among the Amish. Either that, or the person, Lucy, that A tells Emily to see when she gets to Lancaster, has more information on Ali and where she is.



Chapter 7

Chapter 7 Summary

Spencer is happy the day is over. She's at her locker when her ex-boyfriend, Andrew, comes up to her and they start to talk again. When Spencer is walking toward the parking lot, reporters surround her. She admits they didn't see Ali on Saturday night, that it was just a hallucination from the smoke inhalation. Spencer sees her sister, Melissa, parked in her SUV waving at her. Melissa packed up and left last week about the same time Ian started IMing Spencer. Spencer thinks Melissa left town because she knows more about Ali's death than she's telling.

As Melissa starts to drive them home, Spencer thinks about how she saw someone in the woods last week that looked like Melissa. She wonders if Melissa was looking for Ian's class ring.

Melissa tells Spencer that she and Ian were drinking the night Ali went missing. Melissa says that during the second interrogation from the police, she admits that Ian might have gotten up at some point in the night. Spencer admits that she isn't sure that it was Ian she saw that night roaming in the woods. Melissa says if they both got it wrong then it's Ian who is paying the price. Spencer thinks about how Ali stole Ian away from Melissa.

When they get home, Spencer thinks she sees someone across the street watching her. When she looks again, they're gone. She notices a text on her phone that insinuates there is a coverup taking place right under Spencer's nose.

Chapter 7 Analysis

Melissa has a motive for hurting and killing Ali because Ali stole Melissa's boyfriend, Ian, away from her. This would also give Melissa a motive for setting Ian up for the murder—to get back at him for cheating on her. The text message from A confirms what Spencer is already thinking, that her sister knows more about Ali's murder than Melissa is admitting. The text message also implies that the clues A is giving the girls are true but the girls are not evaluating and understanding them correctly.



Chapter 8

Chapter 8 Summary

Hanna is in the back seat of her father's car with Mike. Isabel and her father are in the front seat. After driving around lost for half an hour, they finally find the Preserve at Addison-Stevens facility. Mike says his goodbyes to Hanna in the lobby, telling her he snuck in a cake with a file in it so she can escape. The hospital seems more like a day sap than an institution.

When Hanna's concierge shows Hanna to her room, she also confiscates her phone. Hanna cannot watch TV, surf the net or have outside contact, except for calls between 4 and 5 on Sundays.

Chapter 8 Analysis

Hanna believes that A is getting her out of the way. A wants to inhibit the investigation of her death, so she is picking off the girls one by one. A has managed to get Hanna checked into a mental facility. A is also working on getting Emily to Lancaster. It foreshadows that A also has plans for the getting rid of the other two girls as well.



Chapter 9

Chapter 9 Summary

Aria goes to a shop in Yarmouth for a séance. She wants to try to reach Ali to see what she needs to tell them. Aria runs into her brother's best friend and a boy from their school, Noel. Noel is also someone Aria had a crush on, but he always liked Ali. The two are beckoned into the back room where the séance will take place.

When the séance begins, Equinox, the leader of the séance, approaches Aria, saying her friend is there. Aria believes it's Ali because Equinox says he knows everything about Aria, but that Aria hates that she knows everything about her, and that Aria wanted Ali gone. When Equinox mentions Ali stealing Aria's boyfriend, Aria runs from the room, thinking Equinox is a fake because Aria didn't have a boyfriend when Ali disappeared.

Aria locks herself in the bathroom. She thinks about how Ali was with her when Aria saw her father kissing another woman in a parking lot. Ali told Aria she wouldn't tell anyone if Aria did everything Ali said. Aria apologizes to Ali out loud for wishing Ali would go away and says she didn't want her to die. The bathroom light bulb flickers out and then Aria smells Ali's vanilla soap. When the light comes back on, Aria sees Ali's missing poster on the back of the door.

Chapter 9 Analysis

Aria is starting to become even more paranoid. She is questioning how much of a coincidence it is that Noel is two towns over attending the same séance that she is. It's ironic that several years later Ali's missing poster is still tacked to the back of the shop's bathroom door and Aria just happens to be there trying to conjure up Ali's spirit in a séance. It's as if Ali is sending a sign or message to Aria.



Chapter 10

Chapter 10 Summary

At the same time Aria is in the bathroom at the séance shop, Emily is arriving at the Zook Amish farm in Lancaster. She starts to wonder if A sent her here because Ali is hiding out here. Emily thinks about all of the time she and Ali plotted to run away from Rosewood. As Emily is knocking on the front door of the farmhouse, she notices a boy slipping out the back. A teenage girl that turns out to be Lucy opens the door.

Lucy assumes Emily, who is posing as Emily Stolfus, is there for Mary's wedding on Saturday. Lucy shows Emily where she can sleep, in her sister's bed. Then, Lucy takes Emily out to help her milk the cows. Emily starts to wonder if A has sent her on a wild goose chase.

Chapter 10 Analysis

Emily starts to think that A is sending her to a place where Ali might have run away to live. Because Emily and Ali often talked about running away together, it wouldn't surprise Emily if Ali is hiding out in Amish country. Although, it would be ironic that such a progressive girl like Ali would go to such a non-progressive place to live, such as Amish farm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Chapter 11

Chapter 11 Summary

Spencer is checking in for her spa day with her mother. She thinks how great everything is going. Her parents have been very attentive. She aced her AP econ test and Andrew asked her to the Valentine's Dance in a couple weeks. After the spa, Spencer and Mrs. Hastings go to lunch at the bistro next door.

Spencer finds out that her mother was at Yale Law School with her father and that's how they met. Mrs. Hastings got pregnant with Melissa and dropped out. She asks Spencer not to tell Melissa. Spencer starts to think about the night of Ali's murder. She remembers her sister talking to their father as if their mother was missing.

Chapter 11 Analysis

Spencer finds out that her family situation is the opposite of what she thought. Spencer always thought she was the unwanted one and her sister was the wanted one. It's actually the other way around. The fact that Mrs. Hastings was missing the night of Ali's murder and Melissa telling Spencer Mrs. Hastings didn't like Ali makes Spencer suspicious that her mom might be involved in Ali's disappearance.



Chapter 12

Chapter 12 Summary

Hanna is in the cafeteria on her first day. So far, she thinks things aren't so bad here. She's trying to decide where to sit, when a nerdy girl asks if she wants to sit with them. While Hanna is sitting with three nerdy girls, she spots a blonde that looks a lot like Ali. The blonde walks over to the table and asks if she's Hanna. The girl introduces herself as her roommate Iris. She tells Hanna they don't hang out with losers and escorts Hanna away.

Chapter 12 Analysis

Hanna used to be overweight and a nerd. When she became friends with Ali, everything changed for Hanna. Now, Hanna is thinner and more popular. Ironically, Hanna has turned into one of the mean girls that always used to tease and make fun of her. Now, Hanna is the one turning her nose up at the nerdy girls that are at mental hospital.



Chapter 13

Chapter 13 Summary

Aria and Mike are hanging out at home with their father and his new pregnant girlfriend, Meredith. After the adults leave the room, Mike mentions that Noel saw Aria yesterday, but he doesn't say where. When the doorbell rings, Aria hides, thinking it's the press. Instead, it's Noel. He asks to speak to Aria alone. He ends up telling her he was at the séance to try to talk to his brother Jared that hung himself a few years ago.

Chapter 13 Analysis

Aria is starting to learn that everyone has their own secrets. She also learns not to stereotype or judge a book by its cover. She has always assumed Noel is a jock and perfect and doesn't have any problems. When he tells her about his brother, she realizes that his problems and secrets are just as real as her own.



Chapter 14

Chapter 14 Summary

Emily and Lucy have been busy doing chores. The two girls start to confide in each other. Lucy assumes Emily was sent to them because she did something wrong in her own community. Emily tells her it has to do with a boy, thinking about the Isaac situation. Lucy says she's having a similar problem because she met an English boy her parents don't approve of. She mentions that her sister Leah went off during rumspringa and never returned.

Emily thinks about a text A sent her with a picture of Jenna Cavanaugh and Ali with a caption saying that something doesn't belong. Emily listens as Lucy tells the story of her sister's disappearance and the assumption that Leah is dead.

Chapter 14 Analysis

Emily realizes that she and Lucy are not that different. Even though they live different lifestyles, the two girls still share the same emotions. Both of them like a boy that one or the other's family disapproves of them being with. Emily also starts to feel as if her trip to Lancaster has not been a total disappointment. While she didn't find Ali, Emily has been able to find a sense of peace—that it's okay if Ali is in fact dead and gone.



Chapter 15

Chapter 15 Summary

Spencer and Andrew are sniggling on the basement couch while flipping through the TV channels. They see a news story about Ali's DNA testing and some interviews with her classmates. When they switch the channel, it's the reporter chasing after Aria as she gets out of her dad's car. Spencer thinks about what Ian said to her the day he broker house arrest. He told her there was something she didn't know that would turn her life upside down. Andrew leaves to meet with the Valentine's Dance Committee.

As Spencer is climbing the stairs, she hears her sister and mother whispering. Her mother is making Melissa promise to keep something quiet this time. After her sister leaves, Spencer gets the college yearbook off her dad's office shelf. She finds her dad's picture and her mom's picture, which proves her mom was a student. She also finds a blurry Polaroid of a pregnant blonde woman that she doesn't recognize that flutters out of the yearbook.

Spencer also sees Ali's father in the yearbook, Kenneth DeLaurentis. Spencer receives a message from A telling her to look through her father's hard-drive on his computer starting with the letter J.

Chapter 15 Analysis

The implication is that Kenneth DeLaurentis, Ali's father has something to hide. This is why the girls do not know that all of their parents were in law school together. It does seem as if A is watching Spencer because she receives a timely message about what Spencer just saw in the yearbook. A also indicates that Spencer can find out more on her father's computer.



Chapters 16

Chapters 16 Summary

Hanna is finding that she has a lot in common with her roommate Iris. They've been spending time at the spa, having lattes and stealing spa products to give each other facials in their room. Iris says she's there for an eating disorder and Hanna lies and says that she's there for too. Hanna even takes up making fun of Tara with Iris, even though Tara was the first one to talk to her at the place. Iris sneaks Hanna into a secret room that she knows the combination to where Iris stashes magazines and other contraband they're not supposed to have. She notices Iris drew the same wishing well on the wall that Ali has on her time capsule flag. Iris admits she saw it in her bag. When Iris goes to therapy, Hanna is unlocking the door to her room when Tara approaches her. Tara tells Hanna Iris is there because she's certifiable and not to make Iris angry if she can help it.

Chapters 16 Analysis

Hanna starts to think that A had her sent here to punish her, but the opposite is happening. Hanna feels right at home with Iris as her roommate and friend. The reason Hanna is being so mean to Tara is because Tara reminds Hanna of what she was like before she lost the weight and became popular. There is also some additional hinting that Jason, Ali's brother, is crazy and spent time at Radley when it was a mental hospital.



Chapter 17

Chapter 17 Summary

Aria and Mike arrive at Noel's house for his party. As Aria approaches the front door, Noel whips it open and tells her how great that she's there. Noel goes off to take care of a girl throwing up in the bathroom when Aria sees Jenna Cavanaugh and her guide dog are there. Aria wonders what Jenna and Jason were arguing about the previous week, when Emily saw them through her window. When some of the girls at the party recognize Aria, they start teasing her about being a Pretty Little Liar and asking if she's seen Ali today.

Noel saves her by taking her upstairs to his parents' room. He tells her he found another medium that channels the dead person. He offers to arrange a meeting for the following night. The catch is the medium has to be where the person died. Aria kisses Noel and agrees to go with the medium to Ali's old backyard the following night.

Chapter 17 Analysis

The insinuation is that Jenna knows about the DeLaurentis family secrets. It baffles Aria that even though she was Ali's best friend, Jenna Cavanaugh seems to know more about the DeLaurentis family, specifically about the relationship between Ali and her brother Jason, than Aria does. Noel and Aria seem to be bonding over their similar losses. It is causing Aria to see Noel in a different light. While she has always pegged him as a typical Rosewood guy, she's now seeing that he is much more than that.



Chapter 18

Chapter 18 Summary

Spencer is watching a crew clean away the debris from the fire while a policeman takes digital photographs. The phone rings with a reporter asking for a statement. Then Melissa and Mrs. Hastings come in whispering about something. Melissa leaves but Spencer asks her mom what they were talking about. Mrs. Hastings asks if Spencer is okay and Spencer lies and says she is.

Spencer wanders to her room. She thinks about how her family and Ali's family always pretended not to know each other. Shortly before Ali disappeared, Ali was making fun of what Mrs. Hastings wear when he bikes and that Ali's parents think Spencer's parents are so showy. Spencer puts the CD in her computer that contains the copy of her father's hard drive. In the J file, Spencer finds two short letters to Jessica DeLaurentis, Ali's mom. One says he's sorry things got cut short at her house the previous night. The other is a huge bank transfer for the fund to help find Ali.

Spencer checks to see when the document was last modified. It was the night Ali died.

Chapter 18 Analysis

The insinuation is that Ali's mom and Spencer's father are having an affair. It could also be that Mr. Hastings is Ali's biological father. This would explain the picture of the pregnant blonde woman in his yearbook. It might be Jessica DeLaurentis. This is the reason the two families moved in next store to each other. It could also explain why they never admitted to knowing each other prior to the DeLaurentis family moving next store.



Chapter 19

Chapter 19 Summary

It's Friday, the day Emily catches her bus back home. Before leaving, Lucy and Emily visit Leah's grave. Emily notices the eight-point star on the gravestone that she saw as a tattoo on Officer Wilden's arm. Leah went missing the day before Ali. Emily confirms Leah's boyfriend's name is Darren Wilden.

Chapter 19 Analysis

Emily realizes that Wilden is from the Amish community she is visiting right now. He left for Rosewood during his rumspringa and didn't return. It is Wilden that Leah went to be with when she went missing. Emily finally realizes why A sent her to this community. It is because Darren Wilden has a connection with the community. It implies that Leah went missing because of Wilden and that Ali went missing because of Wilden too, just as A has been trying to tell the girls all along.



Chapter 20

Chapter 20 Summary

Hanna and Iris are getting ready to go to group therapy. Tara tries to talk to Hanna, but Hanna blows her off. In group, Tara mentions something about Hanna's ex-best friend being a bitch. Hanna gets all worked up, asking Tara how she knows about Mona. Tara says she doesn't know who Mona is, that she thought her ex-best friend was Alison. When Hanna asks Tara how she knows about Alison, Tara presents a people magazine with a Pretty Little Liars spread in it. All of the girls start calling Hanna names. Iris storms off accusing Hanna of trying to be so cool when she's a freak like the rest of them.

Chapter 20 Analysis

Hanna has managed to come full circle in the short time she has been at the mental hospital. While Iris once thought she was cool, now Iris thinks Hanna is a liar and a freak with problems like the rest of the girls. While Hanna was once sheltered from the other girls knowing about Alison and the Pretty Little Liars scandal, now they all know. Not only do they think Hanna is lying about killing Alison, but they all know she has been lying about why she is in the mental hospital to start.



Chapter 21

Chapter 21 Summary

Emily boards the bus from Lancaster back to Rosewood. She is convinced that Leah is the one buried in the DiLaurentis hole that was mistaken for Ali. Emily plugs her dead cell phone into a plug on the bus. She receives a text message from A. the text includes a picture of a bunch of fanned out papers. One of the papers is the DNA results but Emily can't read it. A says she'll leave the back door of the police station door open so Emily can get in and see the results for herself.

Chapter 21 Analysis

The inference is that Darren Wilden left Lancaster to make a new life in Rosewood. When Leah comes to town, their previous tumultuous relationship causes Wilden to kill Leah, either accidentally or on purpose. Wilden then uses his place as a police officer to cover up the crime by passing Leah's body off as the missing Alison DiLaurentis. It could be that Ali is in cahoots with Wilden so that she could run away and start a new life and he could cover up his crime, creating a win-win situation for the both of them.



Chapter 22

Chapter 22 Summary

Noel and Aria go to the hole for the séance. Esmeralda is the one that channels Ali. Aria asks Ali who killed her. Ali says she'll write it down. Spencer is watching Esmeralda, Aria and Noel out her window. When Aria and Noel return to the car, Aria reads the note that says Ali killed Ali.

Chapter 22 Analysis

Ali's note saying she killed Ali indicates that Ali did run away. It is also an indication that Ali faked her own death. The reason Ali ran away and faked her own death has something to do with a family secret that is yet to be revealed.



Chapter 23

Chapter 23 Summary

Spencer's dad tries to get her to help him pick out a new windmill to replace the old burned one. Spencer refuses because she has too much on her mind. She leaves a voice mail for Melissa. As she is wondering about her mom catching her dad and Ali's mom having an affair, Ian Ims Spencer. She gets him to tell her that he knew about the affair and that he told Ali about it. He says that is why Jason and Wilden were coming after Ian the night Ali disappeared. He also asks Spencer if she ever noticed how much she, Melissa and Ali look alike.

Ian also says that Jason and Wilden might not be responsible for killing Ali, but that they are hiding something. Spencer gets the Polaroid out of her father's yearbook and this time recognizes that the pregnant woman is Jessica DiLaurentis. Mrs. Hastings catches Spencer looking at the picture and tells Spencer to get her coat so they can go for a ride

Chapter 23 Analysis

Ian is inferring that Ali is the daughter of Mrs. DiLaurentis and Mr. Hastings. Spencer concludes that this is why her mother hated Ali so much. It is because Ali is the product of her father's affair. This also makes Spencer conclude that her mom killed Ali. Thinking that her mother is a killer, Spencer is now afraid of what her mother what might do to her now that Spencer knows the truth about Ali, Mrs. DiLaurentis and Mr. Hastings.

Chapter 24

Chapter 24 Summary

Hanna wakes in a pale green room with a cast on her arm. It is the same cast and the same room she woke up in after Mona ran her over with her SUV. Hanna wonders if the past few years have just been a nightmare when she sees Ali standing over her bed. Ali warns her that she just wants to hurt Hanna like she hurt Ali. Hanna assumes Ali is talking about Tara when Hanna wakes up for real.

This time, she is in her room at the Preserve. Iris comes in, angry at first. Hanna confesses everything to Iris. The girls make up and then Iris goes to watch the movie the Preserve is airing for the night. When Iris leaves, Hanna notices a People magazine sticking out of Iris's purse, even though the janitor came and confiscated the other issues. Hanna sees the People story about the girls for the first time. She also sees a sidebar with pictures of Hanna at the Preserver and details that only someone with Hanna would know. This is when she realizes it is Iris Ali is warning her about. In one of the pictures Iris had taken of them in the secret room, Hanna notices a picture of a drawing on the wall. The drawing is of Ali.

Chapter 24 Analysis

The implication is that Ali and Iris have met in a mental hospital before. It could be when Ali was visiting Jason when he was institutionalized. What Hanna has to figure out is how Iris hurt Ali. It might be that Iris killed Ali, but it is more likely that Iris told Ali secrets about Ali and her family that unraveled Ali's world. Hanna seeing Ali in her dreams is not really Ali, but instead is Hanna's subconscious telling her what Hanna is not clearly seeing when Hanna is awake.



Chapter 25

Chapter 25 Summary

Aria goes to the cemetery to visit Ali's grave. She thinks back to the day she was leaving the DiLaurentis house after Mr.s DiLaurentis questioned the girls. She remembers seeing some prescription bottles with Ali's name on it in the trash can, but the name of the medication was rubbed off. Aria also thinks about how Ali kept texting her to try to get Aria to talk to her, but Aria couldn't because she thought Ali was just going to keep teasing her about Byron having an affair.

Jason, dressed all in black, steps out of the shadows as Aria approaches Ali's grave. They talk for a few moments, but Jason's cell phone rings and he excuses himself to have a conversation.

As Aria is apologizing over Ali's grave, a woman cop arrests Aria. She thanks Jason for calling them and accuses Aria of hiding a ring that is evidence from the police. Jason acts as if he didn't call them and tells Aria she has it wrong when she says Jason is a psycho.

Chapter 25 Analysis

Aria is assuming that Ali killed herself. This is ironic because Ali was such a happy and carefree person. Aria is also blaming herself for not being there for Ali when Ali might have been trying to reach out to Aria for help in the weeks before her disappearance. The cops, or someone, is trying to make it look like Jason is setting the girls up to take the fall for Ali's death. Jason telling Aria she has it all wrong suggests that it wasn't Jason that was in the mental hospital at all. Instead, it was Ali.



Chapters 26 and 27

Chapters 26 and 27 Summary

The bus ride to Rosewood takes longer because Emily got on a bus that makes stops along the way. When she gets into town, she heads straight for the police station. When she gets inside, a cop asks her what she's doing in the evidence room. He recognizes her and says they've been looking for her. She blurts out that Jason Wilden killed Leah and stuck in the hole to pass her off as Ali. The cop handcuffs Emily, saying the only one that is guilty is her.

Spencer is driving in the car with her mom. They pull into the parking lot of the Italian restaurant in town. She sees a cop car parked in the corner and her father and Melissa standing by her father's car waiting for them. When they get out of the car, Spencer confronts her father about the affair. Her mother starts hitting him and asking if it's true. Mr. Hastings finally admits it is and Mrs. Hastings says she wants him out by the time she gets home. he leaves.

When Spencer mentions Melissa and Ian conversing via IM like Spencer and Ian, Melissa denies talking to Ian. She also says Ian and her never discussed their father having an affair. Mrs. Hastings says she can't believe Spencer would believe she is such a monster that she believes she killed Ali. As Spencer realizes she has been misunderstand the truth, the whispering and other things she saw the night of Ali's disappearance, the cops arrest her for conspiring with Ian. They say they have the IMs to prove it.

Chapters 26 and 27 Analysis

Someone is definitely setting the girls up to take the fall for Ali's murder. Whoever is posing as Ian on the IMs is either in the police department or working with the police to try to frame the girls for Ali's murder. Since everything that night is so hazy to the girls, it could be that they are the ones responsible for Ali's disappearance and possible murder, but that they just don't remember. It could also be that the real killer is setting them up to take the blame so he or she gets away with it.



Chapter 28

Chapter 28 Summary

Hanna goes to Iris's secret room to find her. Iris wasn't in the TV room watching the movie with the other girls. Hanna is determined to find out how Iris knows Alison. When Hanna runs into one of the nurses, she asks if she knows where Iris is. As the nurse is directing Hanna back to her room, Iris comes up behind them. When Hanna starts questioning Iris about who she is and how she knows Alison, Iris parrots Ali's mantra, which is "I'm Iris and I'm fabulous."

As Hanna lunges at Iris, some staff grab her and drag her down a long corridor. At the end of the corridor is the Rosewood police chief. Hanna thanks him for coming and says she can take him to Ali's killer. He laughs and cuffs her as he tells her she is under arrest.

Chapter 28 Analysis

Iris definitely knows Alison somehow. At first, Hanna noticed there was a resemblance between Ali and Iris. It could be that Ali is schizophrenic, so she has split personalities and one of them is Iris. It could also be that Iris met Ali at some point and that's how she knows so much about Ali. As the police start to arrest the girls one by one, they might have a chance to talk with each other, connect the dots by sharing what each of them has found out and solve the case once and for all.



Chapters 29 and 30

Chapters 29 and 30 Summary

One by one, the girls are put into the same interrogation room at the police station. Each one tells their realization from what A sent them to discover. They all realize that A has been messing with them all along and now they are accused of murder.

A woman police officer comes into the room. She tells the girls all charges are dropped and they are being released. When they get to the parking lot, it is full of police cars and news vans. Wilden comes up to them and Emily confronts him. He says he didn't kill Leah and that they have all of the notes he was sending the girls. He confirms Ali is dead. When a police car pulls up and they pull a Mr. Ford out of the backseat, two of them recognize him as the guy with a gold tooth that was filling the hole in Ali's yard. The news reporters also mention another body.

Chapters 29 and 30 Analysis

The inference is that one of the construction workers is responsible for killing Ali. It also explains how he knew who Ali's friends were to harass them and set them up for the murder. The news reporters also imply that Mr. Ford is responsible for Leah's death too. The assumption is that the other body they have found is Leah Zook's body.



Chapter 31

Chapter 31 Summary

A police officer is giving Spencer a ride home. She is trying to get information out of him but he won't give her any. She gets a text from Andrew and then Aria asking what's going on on her street. When they arrive, Spencer's street is flooded with police cars. She thinks they're at her house, but then sees her sister is safely standing on the front porch. Melissa tells her they found Jenna's body in a trench in her back yard. Spencer remembers seeing the same construction worker, Mr. Ford, at Jenna's house a few days earlier. He was leering at Jenna but because Jenna is blind, she didn't notice.

Chapter 31 Analysis

Something Spencer's father said in the restaurant parking lot makes her think that Jason is her brother too. Spencer thinks something happened to her sister when she sees all of the police cars on her street and heard they found another girl's body. It seems as if the police have the murderer because they found his laptop with pictures and text messages from who the girls thought was Ian. The question remains if he really is the killer because how would he know so much information about the girls to lead them along for so long. Additionally, if he is the killer, all of the clues were in front of the girls the entire time, but they didn't recognize them.



Characters

Heartless is a novel that is part of the Pretty Little Liars

Aria Montgomery has an older brother. Her older brother, Michael, is dating Hanna. Aria and Michael's friend, Noel, start dating during the novel as well. Aria attends a séance in a neighboring town to try to contact Ali and find out if she is really alive or not.

Immediately after Ali's death, Aria was also dating Ali's older brother, Jason. Aria has always had a crush on Jason. The relationship ends when Aria starts to believe Jason might be involved in Ali's murder. Aria is the one that finds Ian's class ring in the woods before the woods are set on fire. She holds on to the ring, instead of turning it over to the police.

Aria hires a psychic to channel Ali. Ali, through the psychic, tells Aria that she killed herself. This is when Aria starts to blame herself for Ali's suicide. When Aria is visiting Ali's grave, Aria runs into Jason and the police, who make it sound like Jason turned Aria in for Ali's murder. Aria is the first of the four girls to be arrested for Ali's murder.

Emily Fields

Emily Fields is another one of the four girls that is best friends with Ali. From the text messages Emily receives, she winds up impersonating a Dutch Amish girl in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. While she is undercover there, Emily finds out that the police officer, Darren Wilden, is Amish. He ran away and when his girlfriend followed him, she wound up missing. This information leads Emily to believe that Darren killed both his girlfriend and Ali.

Spencer Hastings

Spencer Hastings is one of Ali's best friends and Ali's neighbor. As Spencer starts to receive text messages from "A," the messages lead to Spencer finding out Ali's mom and Spencer's dad have been having a long-term affair. In fact, Spencer finds out that Ali and Jason are likely her half-siblings. A conversation with her sister Melissa and information Spencer uncovers leads Spencer to believe that her mother might be responsible for Ali's murder. Spencer also finds out she was carried by a surrogate.

When Spencer confronts her mom, her mom finds out about the affair. Spencer's mom also adamantly denies killing Ali and throws Mr. Hastings out of the house. When Spencer returns home from the police station, she finds out the girl across the street, Jenna is the new victim of Ali's murderer.



Hanna Marin

Hanna Marin has an eating disorder. Typically, she overeats. When she first meets Alison, Hanna is overweight. Hanna is also ex best friends with a girl named Mona. Mona impersonates A via text messages to try to convince the girls who Ali's real killer is.

The girls find out Mona is sending the etx messages when Hanna is run over by Mona with Mona's SUV. Hanna breaks her arm in the accident and spends some time in the hospital. Hanna's father and stepmother believe Hanna is suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He checks Hanna into a mental hospital, where Hanna believes she meets Ali's true killer, a fellow patient by the name of Iris.

Now that Hanna is thin and popular, she often wishes Ali could come back and see the person she is now. Hanna is the second of the girls to be arrested for Ali's murder before ther police discover the true killer.

Alison DiLaurentis

Alison DiLaurentis is a blonde and pretty girl that lives in Rosewood. Ali is the most popular girl in junior high school. This also makes her the leader of her clique that Emily, Aria, Spencer and Hanna are a part. Ali has a tendency to make someone popular or make their lives a living hell. Ali attempts to hypnotize her best friends the night they have a slumber party. This is the same night Ali goes missing. Her body winds up in the hole on her property the construction workers were digging to install a gazebo in the family's yard.

Ian

Ian is the high school boy accused of killing Ali, along with Darren Wilden. Ian runs away from prosecution when he finds out he is a murder suspect. Ian is the one sending the girls instant messages to help them each figure out who is responsible for Ali's murder. In the end, the police say that the real killer was posing as Ian in order to lead the girls in the direction he wanted them to go.

Melissa Hastings

Melissa Hastings is Spencer's older sister. Melissa is away attending her first year of college during the novel, but appears in the novel several times. Melissa is dating Ian at the time of Ali's disappearance and murder. Melissa is also the one that leads Spencer to believe that their mother dislikes Ali. What Melissa says ultimately leads Spencer to believe her mother is the murderer.



Mrs. Hastings

Mrs. Hastings is Spencer and Melissa's mother. Mrs. Hastings was a Yale law school student when she got pregnant for Melissa. This caused Mrs. Hastings to drop out of school. Later, when Mrs. Hastings tried to have Spencer, she and Mr. Hastings had to hire a surrogate instead. Mrs. Hastings reveals all of this to Spencer as the novel unfolds.

Mr. Hastings

Mr. Hastings is Melissa and Spencer's father. It turns out he is having an affair with Ali's mother, Jessica DiLaurentis. When Spencer confronts her father about the affair, he makes a reference that makes it seem as if Ali and Jason are both his biological children.

Jason DiLaurentis

Jason DiLaurentis is Ali's older brother. At first, he is accused of murdering his sister. He also seems to have a past filled with stays in the local mental hospital. Jason is in the cemetery when the police arrest Aria. The police make it sound like Jason turned Aria into the police, but Jason implies that Aria doesn't know the truth about his sister.

Darren Wilden

Darren Wilden is a police officer for the Rosewood Police Department. It also turns out that Darren is formerly Amish. Jason left the Amish community during his rumspringa. The girls suspect that Jason is somehow involved with Ali's murder. Emily also believes Darren is responsible for his missing girlfriend from the Amish community in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Leah.

Iris

Iris is Hanna's roommate at the mental hospital. Iris seems to know a lot about Ali and Hanna. Hanna assumes Iris is somehow responsible for Ali's death. Iris also leaks pictures and private information about Hanna to People magazine. When Hanna tries to blame Iris for Ali's death, the police arrest Hanna for Ali's murder.



Objects/Places

Rosewood, Pennsylvania

Rosewood, Pennsylvania is a suburb in Pennsylvania. It is located about 20 miles from Philadelphia. Rosewood is also the primary setting for the novel.

Barn Apartment

The Hastings have a barn apartment that sits behind their house, but in front of the woods. Melissa is using the apartment before she goes off to college. It is in the apartment where the girls spend their last slumber party together before Ali goes missing. When someone starts the woods on fire, the barn apartment is burned and damaged.

Rosewood Day School

Rosewood Day School is a private school in Rosewood. It is also the school where Ali and the girls attend school. When the reporters are trying to question the girls, the news crews surround the school and try to follow the girls to class to get their statements.

The Woods

The girls are in the woods when someone sets the woods on fire. While they are in the woods, they all believe they see Ali, even though she is supposed to be dead. While in the woods, Aria finds Ian's class ring, which leads her to believe that Ian might actually be involved in Ali's murder.

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Yale Yearbook

It is in Mr. Hasting's Yale yearbook that Spencer finds a picture of a pregnant lady, who she later realizes is Jessica DiLaurentis. In the same yearbook, Spencer also discovers that Ali's father and her father attended law school together. Spencer is also able to



confirm that her mother was enrolled in law school at Yale from her picture in the yearbook.

People Magazine

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Gazebo Hole

The construction workers have dug a hole where they are installing a gazebo in the DiLaurentis yard. This is the hole they are filling with cement the day after Ali disappears. This is also the hole where they find Ali's body.



Themes

Relationships

One of the primary themes running through the novel is relationships. The novel focuses in on several different types of relationships including friendship, romantic relationship and family relationships. The novel reveals that even relationships in the same family can differ from person to person. For example, Spencer always feels as if she is an outsider in her own family. This leads Spencer to finding out that her parents had to plan her birth, including hiring a surrogate to carry Spencer, while her older sister turns out to be from an unplanned pregnancy that caused Mrs. Hastings to drop out of law school.

Friendship is another type of relationship the novel tackles. While Ali, Emily, Spencer, Hanna and Aria are supposed to be best friends, sometimes it seems as if their friendship is superficial. Ali was popular and a trendsetter, so her choosing the girls to be in her clique is what made them friends in the first place. After Ali's disappearance and death, the rest of the girls do stick together, support each other and continue to be friends. Some of the girls do seem to be closer friends than some of the others. For example, Spencer doesn't seem to support Aria's belief that Ali's spirit is talking to her through the psychic or via a séance.

Romantic relationships are also tackled in the novel. Jason becomes Aria's boyfriend right after Ali disappears. They end up breaking up and Aria starts a new relationship with her brother's friend, Noel. Hanna also has romantic relationship with Aria's older brother, Michael. It seems as if Ali, Melissa and Spencer all had a romantic relationship at one time with Ian.

Coming of Age

One of the primary themes that run throughout the novel is growing up and coming of age, even against adversity, such as living through the disappearance and murder of a friend. Each of the girls struggles with the fact that her coming of age includes coming to terms what happened to their friend and why. Each girls deals with the responsibilities of trying to figure out who the murderer is and what their motive for killing Ali was.

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Quotes

"Ali's going to love that gazebo. She'll have the best parties there" (Lost and Found, p. 15).

"Are you going to investigate her claim? Are you going to search for Alison" (Chap. 1, p. 19).

"It's a perfect match for Alison, girls" (Chap. 2, p. 29).

"But we're your family, Spencer. You're ours" (Chap. 3, p. 35).

"The psychiatrist said lying could also be a symptom" (Chap.4, p. 41).

"Some people believe that the dead can't rest until they impart an important message" (Chap. 5, p. 47).

"Poor Little Emily - You and I both know she's alive. The question is: What would you do to find her? A" Chap. 6, p. 53).

"But really, I was upset because I felt like I was selling out Ian for something I wasn't sure he'd done" (Chap. 7, p. 59).

"Our mantra is no 'outside influences'" (Chap. 8, p. 66).

"She knew you wanted her gone. It made her very sad. Many things made her very sad" (Chap. 9, p. 72).

"Wow. You're so lucky. We should switch places. You stay here, and I'll go there" (Chap. 10, p. 81).

"That was a terrible night, honey. Let's not talk about it ever again" (Chap. 11, p. 87).

"Come with me. We don't hang out with losers" (Chap. 12, p. 92).

"My parents didn't see it coming either. Neither did my brothers or his girlfriend. No one did" (Chap. 13, p. 100).

"There's time to keep hope alive and a time to let go" (Chap. 14, p. 106).

"You have to keep this quiet. It's very important. Can you do that this time" (Chap. 15, p. 110).

"Your funeral" (Chap. 16, p. 119).

"Thanks for being so nice to me in general" (Chap. 17, p. 123).



"I'm sorry things got cut short tonight. I can't wait to be alone with you again" (Chap. 18, p. 129).

"His name was Darren Wilden" (Chap. 19, p. 133).

"Pretty Little Liar" (Chap. 20, p. 140).

"No" (Chap. 21, p. 204).

"What People article" (Chap. 22, p. 206).

"Get your coat, Spence. We're going for a ride" (Chap. 23, p. 222).

"She wants to hurt you like she already hurt me" (Chap. 24, p. 224).

"Aria...No. You've got it all wrong" (Chap. 25, p. 236).

"Sweetheart, the only guilty one is you" (Chap. 26, p. 240).

"Because Ali's disappearance has taken over your life and you need to move on. Not because I murdered her" (Chap. 27, p. 247).

"I'm Iris. And I'm fabulous. Who are you" (Chap. 28, p. 254).

"I think A messed with all of us" (Chap. 29, p. 262).

"Are you responsible for that murder, too" (Chap. 30, p. 267).

"He killed her just like he killed Ali" (Chap. 31, p. 274).



Topics for Discussion

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Discuss the relationship between Emily and Ali. Why does Emily believe she sees Ali in the woods before and after the fire? Is there true competition in their relationship? How does Emily feel about Ali?

Do you think the police have arrested the real killer? Why do you think he was taunting the Pretty Little Liars? Do you think the same man who killed Ali killed Jenna? Do you think he also killed Leah?

Discuss the relationship between the girls and Darren Wilden. Why does Darren tell the girls he is on their side and warn them in the hospital? Do you think he is the one who took pictures of the girls he reporters publish from Spencer's hospital room? How does each girl feel about Darren? How does Darren seem to feel about the girls?

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