

Bonus for Story Nerds

Game of Thrones Season 1 The Genre & 5 Commandments for the main characters



STARKS

Jon Snow (Status >Admiration):

Inciting Incident: The family members who accept him (Eddard, Arya) leave for King's Landing/Parul: Jon Snow decides to join his Uncle and become a steward of the night watch

Complications: He is getting hazed by his instructor. Uncle Benjen is lost beyond the wall and he is announced steward to the Commander of the Night's watch. He also makes friends with Sam Tarley. The dead rise and attack Jon. Jon gets a Valyrian steel sword from the Lord

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Jon finds out about his brother going to war and the imprisonment of his father.

Crisis: Shall he desert the Night's Watch and join his brother Robb's army, risking to be executed as a deserter OR shall he stay at the Night's Watch and follow his duty with the nagging doubt of what he could have done to help his brother?

Climax: He deserts, but listens to his friends and returns to the Night's Watch before anyone notices.

Resolution: Jon learns that there is another war to be fought, a far more dangerous war against not only wildlings but something darker, and he marches North of the wall with other guards from the Night's Watch.

Eddard Stark (Society > Political):

Inciting Incident: King Robert Baratheon asks him to be the Hand of the King.

Complications: Ned learns that the crown is in a big debt. He struggles with the bureaucracy. Littlefinger points out to him that there are spies everywhere. One man that Ned wanted to question in relation to John Arryn's death is killed by the Mountain in a tournament. Varys tells him that John Arryn was poisoned. Jaime kills Ned's man and Ned is wounded because Jaime had just found out that Catelyn took his brother Tyrion hostage.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: He uncovers the truth that the Baratheon children are all Lannisters because of their golden hair, and not Robert Baratheon's children.

Crisis: After king Robert returns deadly wounded from the hunting trip, shall Ned follow Renly's advice and make a move against Cersei immediately OR shall he stick to the rules and let the rightful heir of Robert, Stannis, become king?

Climax: He sends word to Dragonstone to tell Stannis it's time to step up. And Ned steps into the throne room to declare Joffrey a bastard but ...

Resolution: The city guards kill Ned's men. Ned is taken prisoner and later he is beheaded for being a traitor to the new King Joffrey as he does not declare Joffrey to be the result of incest but admits to being wrong for the sake of trying to save his daughter's from harm.

Catelyn Stark (Society > Political):

Inciting Incident: Her son Bran is almost assassinated and she finds a golden long hair and the knife used is a high quality Valyrian steel blade and seems to lead back to the Lannisters./

Parul: Her inciting incident is the same as her husband's. The Lannisters visit and her husband is called to be the hand of the King

Complications: Catelyn meets Littlefinger when she enters King's Landing even though she wanted to travel incognito.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Littlefinger tells her that the dagger belongs to Tyrion Lannister.

Crisis: Take Tyrion hostage when she meets him on her road back up north and risk war between the Lannisters and the Starks but get justice masked as vengeance for Bran and maybe convince her sister to be an ally OR leave him be and let the Lannister's continue their unpunished game.

Climax: She takes Tyrion hostage and brings him to the Vale.

Resolution: She asks her sister Lysa to help in the upcoming war between Lannisters and Starks but Lysa won't help (even though she knows that her dead husband - the former hand of the king - was poisoned by the Lannisters) leaving Catelyn to return to Robb without any new allies.

Arya Stark (Action > Person Against The State):

Inciting Incident: Arya leaves for King's Landing with her sister Sansa and father Ed Stark.

Parul: Jon Snow gives her needle

Complications: She gets a swordmaster to teach her the Water Dance. Lannister men kill Starks in the castle and she escapes to the city.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: A stable boy gets in her way.

Crisis: Shall she risk getting caught by Lannister's which means her swordmaster's sacrifice of his own life was in vain OR shall she kill the boy?

Climax: She kills the boy and lives in the streets of the city, and has to witness how her father is beheaded.

Resolution: Yoren tells Arya she needs to pretend to be a boy so that he can sneak her up to Winterfell with some guys who head to the Night's Watch.

Robb Stark (War > Pro War):

Inciting Incident: Robb receives Sansa's letter, and decides he will go south but he will also take his army with him.

Complications: Robb needs to cross the river at The Twins to continue marching South. He has to accept to marry one of Walder Frey's daughters so that they are allowed to cross the river. He has to fight two Lannister's armies. Makes a surprise attack against Jaime Lannister's forces and captures the Kingslayer Jaime Lannister

Turning Point Progressive Complication: After hearing about his father's death, the North

Crisis: Shall he become King of the North and anger the Lannisters by breaking Westeros into two kingdoms who might hurt Arya and Sansa OR shall he remain the Warden of the North and lose the loyalty of the Men of the North?

Climax: Robb becomes King of the North.

Resolution: The war has started between the Lannisters and the Starks.

Sansa Stark :

Inciting Incident: Arya's direwolf bites Joffrey because he threatened to gut Arya/ Parul: Sansa is engaged to marry Joffrey - she is set to become Queen

Complications: Arya's direwolf bites Joffrey because he threatened to gut Arya, At the hearing, Sansa is asked for the truth. And she lies in Joffrey's favor. Her father senses the danger and impending war and tells her to go back to Winterfell,

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Her father is imprisoned for being a traitor

Crisis: Shall she write a letter to her brother Robb to come to King's Landing and swear loyalty to the new King and stay in the Lannister's favor and keep her dream of being wed to Joffrey alive OR shall she refuse to write the letter and lose her dreams and maybe even her life?

Climax: She writes the letter and thinks that she can ask for a favor now. So she asks Joffrey to spare her father's life.

Resolution: Joffrey kills her father Ned anyway and she is left as the consort of a vicious King. - she realizes she has betrayed her family.

Lannister

Jaime Lannister (Society > Political):

Inciting Incident: He pushes Bran Stark out of the window after the boy had seen Jaime and his sister Cersei having sex in a tower.

Complications: Learns that his brother Tyrion has been taken hostage by Catelyn Stark. Jaime gets command of half of the Lannister forces.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Jaime gets captured by Robb's army.

Crisis: *continued in Season 2*

Climax: *continued in Season 2*

Resolution: *continued in Season 2*

Tyrion Lannister (Society > Political):

Inciting Incident: He gets held hostage by Catelyn Stark who accuses him of having planned the assassination of her son Bran Stark.

Complications: He learns that he shall be tried for murder by Catelyn's sister Lysa in the Vale. And Catelyn's group gets attacked by wild mountain clansmen. He is held in a sky cell but manages to talk his way out to demand trial by combat. The sellsword Bronn wins the battle for Tyrion. Tyrion meets the wild mountain clansmen again and wins them over through his wit and words. He learns that his father is not too worried about Tyrion's survival in general, but Bronn finds Tyrion a clever whore called Shae. Tyrion gets knocked out in the battle.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Tywin wants Tyrion to go to King's Landing as Hand of the King to basically run things and keep Joffrey in line. And he is not allowed to take his whore with him.

Crisis: Shall Tyrion follow his father's orders and take it up against her sister Cersei and Joffrey hoping to put his wits to good use OR shall he refuse his father's order to stay with Shae?

Climax: He goes to King's Landing but takes his whore Shae with him.

Resolution: Cersei is not pleased to see him at King's Landing. The story continues in Season 2

Joffrey Baratheon (Society > Political):

Inciting Incident: His mother Cersei tells him that he must marry Sansa to lock down the North legitimately.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Even though he considers Ned Stark to be a traitor, his mother Cersei tells him he still has to marry Sansa.

Crisis: *continued in Season 2*

Climax: *continued in Season 2*

Resolution: *continued in Season 2*

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Daenerys Targaryen (Love > Commitment):

Inciting Incident: Daenerys's brother Viserys marries his sister off to a savage warlord king called Khal Drogo and she becomes Khaleesi.

Complications: Danny is terrified of the new culture: she gets raped by her husband. But she comes to learn the ways of her new tribe, the Dothraki. Her brother Viserys continues to threaten her claiming that he is the king and only he can give orders. He also beats her. Danny learns she is immune to fire. Her brother threatens to kill her unborn son. Karl Drogo is wounded after fighting one of his men because Danny wanted to free the slave.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Karl Drogo falls off his horse which stirs unrest within the Khalasarr. His wound has not healed but has festered.

Crisis: Shall she accept the help of a witch to tend to Drogo's wounds through using blood magic and risk losing the loyalty of the Dothraki OR shall she allow Karl to die and lose the man she loves

Climax: Danny gets into premature labour and loses her child and the Khalasarr army except the stragglers, and she ends up with a basically braindead Drogo.

Resolution: Dany builds a pyre to burn her husband. She also puts the dragon eggs into the fire and steps into the fire as well. After the fire has burned down, she becomes the Mother of Dragons and the men around her get on their knees in deference.

Jorah Mormont (Morality > Redemption):

Inciting Incident: He travels with the Khalasarr and learns that Danny is pregnant and leaves for Qohor to tell Robert Baratheon about those news.

Complications: He cares for Daenerys, countless number of times that he fights for her

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Jorah gets his pardon from the king while he is on a market where Danny is about to get killed.

Crisis: Shall he let Danny drink the wine from the suspicious merchant and be able to return to Westeros OR shall he save Danny's life.

Climax: He saves Danny by asking the merchant to drink his wine first.

Resolution: Jorah stays with Danny and sees her transform into the Dragon Queen. He swears his fealty to her.