Chapter Summaries

15 & 16

**Chapter 15: The Cheese Boys**

* **Setting:** Alex, South Africa
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* Trevor went with his friend Bongani to visit Alex (aka “the hood”) after school.
* Trevor graduated from high school and moved into a cheap flat down the street from his mother’s house.
* Trevor explains that in the hood, the ability to buy cheese correlates to how much money someone has. “If you had a bit of money, people would say you’re a cheese boy.”
* Trevor’s goal was to go to college and become a computer programmer.
* He began selling CD’s outside of Bongani’s house to save for school tuition.
* Trevor and Bongani started loaning money to people and selling stolen goods.
* During a DJ gig, A cop shot Trevor’s computer destroying his music library and CD business.
* Trevor and his friend’s minibus was pulled over by the cops and a gun was found in the bus. They were blamed for having the gun because they were from the hood and taken to jail. Everyone else on the minibus was let free.
* The boys were released from jail after paying bail.
* At the end of the chapter, Trevor has a realization that he is not from the hood. He has the opportunity to leave and make something of himself, unlike his friends.

**Chapter 16: The World Doesn’t Love You**

* **Setting:** South Africa, Hillbrow Police Station
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* Trevor’s mother told him if he ever got arrested she would not come pick him up because Trevor needed to learn his lesson
* Trevor would borrow Abel’s cars from his shop that weren’t properly registered and change the license plates
* One day he took the red Mazda and was pulled over by a cop
* Since the car was not registered to Trevor, the cop arrested him
* Trevor spent the night in jail and the next day he called his friend asking for money to hire a lawyer
* Trevor was transferred to the holding cell to wait for his court hearing
* In the holding cell were hundreds of criminals of all kinds and they were organized into racial groups
* In court, everything was already taken care of, so Trevor was given bail and released
* Trevor thought his mother didn’t know what happened, but he found out that his mother paid for Trevor’s lawyer and paid his bail
* Patricia told Trevor that she’s hard on him because she loves him, but that the world doesn’t love him