Chapter Summaries

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**Chapter 7: Fufi**

* **Setting:** Eden Park, South Africa
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* Trevor explains that every black family in South Africa owned a dog as a “poor man's alarm-system”
* Trevor’s mom came home with two maltese bull terrier mixed dogs. Trevor named his Fufi and Patricia named hers Panther.
* Fufi was deaf and could jump over tall fences
* Trevor found out Fufi had been escaping during the day, so he decided to follow her on his bicycle.
* It turns out Fufi had a double life. She would go stay at another little boy’s house during the day while Trevor and his mother were gone.
* Trevor knocked on the door to confront the other little boy about stealing Fufi. After some arguing, Trevor went home and told his mother.
* Trevor and Patricia went to the house Fufi was at and got her back for the small price of 100 rand.
* Trevor explains Fufi was his first heartbreak because she “loved another boy” and betrayed him.

**Chapter 8: Robert**

* **Setting**: Camps Bay in Cape Town South Africa
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* At 24 years old, Patricia encourages Trevor to find his father.
* Trevor did not know much about his father, as he moved further away when Trevor was 13. They spent weekends together, but this slowly dwindled.
* After hunting his father down, Trevor goes to visit him at his house in Cape Town.
* The two picked up right where they left off.
* Robert made Trevor his favorite meal and dessert from when he was a kid (rosti which is a german dish of potatoes made like a pancake and for dessert custard with caramel sauce on top)
* Robert shows Trevor a scrapbook he made with all of Trevor’s accomplishments. All of the magazine covers, newspaper clippings, and club listings that mentioned his name were in that book.
* Trevor was happy to know that even though they had been physically distant from each other for many years, his father was with him the whole time.

**Chapter 9: The Mulberry Tree:**

* **Setting:** Eden Park, South Africa
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* Trevor talks about how he felt hated by white people because of his brown skin and curly hair, but he was also ridiculed by Black people for having an English accent
* Trevor was picking berries off of the mulberry tree when a kid came over and knocked them out of his hand
* Trevor shrugged if off and went back to picking berries but the boy came over and hit Trevor with a millbury
* All of the kids starting pelting Trevor with berries and then he ran home crying
* Trevor told Abel what happened and Abel drove over to the boys. He whipped one of them and made him apologize to Trevor
* The boy’s father came over and Abel told him “Don’t mess with me. I will kill you.”

**Chapter 10: A Young Man’s Long, Awkward, Occasionally Tragic, and Frequently Humiliating Education in Affairs of the Heart, Part 1: Valentines Day**

* **Setting:** Highlands North, South Africa
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* Patricia taught Trevor how to be respectful around women but she never taught him how to talk to girls
* Trevor’s friend encouraged him to ask Maylene to be his Valentine. Maylene and Trevor walked home from school together
* On their walk home one day Trevor asked Maylene to be his Valentine, she said yes and they kissed outside of McDonald’s.
* Trevor bought a Valentine’s Day gift for Maylene and planned to give it to her at school the next day
* Trevor was prepared to give Maylene her gift, but Maylene told Trevor that she can’t be his girlfriend because Leonard asked her to be his Valentine
* Trevor understood why Maylene picked Leonard because he was white and good-looking

**Chapter 11: Outsider**

* **Setting:** Sandringham High School
* **Narrator:** Trevor Noah
* In 8th grade Trevor started attending Sandringham High School
* Trevor’s classmates were a mix of white, Black, mixed-race, Indian and Chinese
* Trevor had a hard time figuring out which group to join
* Trevor would run to be the first in line at the tuckshop (a food truck) to buy snacks
* Trevor’s classmates knew Trevor was always first so they started asking him to buy them snacks
* Trevor started taking orders from his classmates and making money off of them
* Trevor learned how to be in all the groups. He said, “I was everywhere with everybody, and at the same time I was all by myself.”