**Week 6 Chapter Summaries**

**Fish Tank to The Successful Life**

**Fish Tank**

* Nora returned to the library and told Mrs. Elm her most recent new life was terrible.
* Mrs. Elm said Nora stayed in Australia after Izzy died because she was grieving and depressed. She says she must’ve felt “stuck”.
* Nora decides she wants to experience a life where she’s not stuck and she is successful, but Mrs. Elm says that Nora has to figure out for herself which life that would be.
* Nora thinks about her success with swimming and admits that once she started winning, she didn’t like the feeling of being “seen”.
	+ She received criticism and comments about her body.
	+ She was insecure and shy.
	+ The commitment was also too much for her and she “had to quit”.
* Nora reveals that when she quit swimming, the bond she developed with her dad frayed and it almost tore them completely a part.
* Her dad was devastated and frustrated when Nora said she didn’t want to compete anymore. He knew she was the best and that she had a chance at the Olympics.
* Nora reveals her dad was a difficult man. He was highly critical of Nora and always felt the universe was against him.
* Nora tells Mrs. Elm that for her next life, she wants to live “the life where she did what her father wanted” and be a competitive swimmer again.
* Mrs. Elm takes the bookshelf off the shelf and says this life goes back further in time.

**The Last Update That Nora Had Posted Before She Found Herself Between Life and Death**

* One line: “I miss my cat. I’m tired.”

**The Successful Life**

* Nora woke up in her next life at 6:30AM in a hotel room in London. On the bedside table there was an itinerary for a conference she was speaking at.
* She felt healthier and was stronger in this life. She hadn’t felt this fit since she was a teenager.
* Nora investigated on social media and Google for all of her people.
	+ Although she never would’ve met Izzy in this life, Nora she's on social media that she is alive in Australia
	+ Dan married a spin-class instructor named Gina
	+ Nora had her own Wikipedia page and went to the Olympics twice!
		- She has a gold and two silver medals. She competed at 22 and 26. She retired at 28.
		- Now, she does sports coverage for BBC, wrote an autobiography and is an assistant coach in her free time. She also donates to charitable causes.
		- Her TED talk has over a million views. When she watched it, she saw a confident, happy and charismatic version of herself. In it, Nora talked about stamina and perseverance
* Nora’s phone rings and the caller ID says: Nadia. She doesn’t know who this is.
* Over the phone, Nadia seems like someone who is close to Nora in this life. She has a Russian accent, talks about Joe and is with her family (who is alive in this version of her life!)
* Nadia asked if Nora wanted to speak to her Dad. Nora was overwhelmed and everything felt so unreal because she hadn’t spoken to him in decades.
* Before she could respond, she heard her Dad’s voice: “Hi Nora, how are you?” Nora was emotional.
* Her Dad mentioned a Sally, who Nora assumed was the family dog.
* Nora thanks her father for everything he’s done and admits she doesn’t say it enough.
* When Nora asks how he’s feeling, he says he is very healthy. He quit drinking, became fit, maintains low cholesterol and blood pressure.
* Nora sees a therapist in this life.
* Her Dad says he is happy because he has an Olympic champion for a daughter and has the love of his life by his side. He mentions that Nora is getting her life back together “after Portugal”.
* Her father cheated on her mother with Nadia, who was the mother of a Ukrainian male swimmer.
* Nora ends the call and reads more about her life. She was single but dated an American Olympic swimmer. She now lives in West London.
* Nora went for a swim and her mood changed. She became angry at her father’s choices. Nora had devoted so much of her life to make her father happy, but he then went to cheat on her mother.
* Nadia headed down to the lobby and joined tow “smartly dressed people” and Joe, who was a clean-shaven and supportive big brother.
* The two people are Priya, who works for Gulliver Research that is organizing the conference and Rory who works for Celebrity Speakers. She knew Rory before supposedly.
* They enter the hall and get ready for the sound check. As everyone asks her questions for her set, Nora feels unprepared.