

Bonus for Story Nerds

Game of Thrones Season 2 5 Commandments for the main characters



STARKS

Jon Snow:

Inciting Incident: Jon has gone with the Night's Watch beyond the Wall to find out what happened to their fellow comrades and to his uncle.

Complications: Night's Watch stop at Craster's keep where Jon witnesses how Craster abuses his daughters, but Jon gets no support from Mormont. The Night's Watch meets with other men led by Qorin Halfhand and joins to kill the King beyond the wall.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Jon catches a wildling girl scout.

Crisis: Shall he kill the wildling girl Ygritte or does he let her live?

Climax: He doesn't kill her.

Resolution: She escapes but he catches up with her. Then the tables turn and he becomes a wildling captive like Qhorin who helps Jon win the trust of the wildlings but who sacrifices his life for granting Jon this chance. Jon is accepted amongst the wildlings.

Catelyn Stark:

Inciting Incident: Catelyn has to go south to meet with Renly Baratheon to form an alliance with the Starks.

Complications: Renly agrees to bring Catelyn Joffrey's head (tool). Littlefinger visits Renly and meets with Catelyn telling her (lying) that both her daughters are held captive at King's Landing. He suggests a trade: her daughters for Jaime Lannister. Littlefinger returns Ned bones to Catelyn. Catelyn can't convince Renly and Stannis to join their armies against the Lannisters. Just as she and Renly decide on an alliance, Renly is killed by the black shadow creature, and Brienne is thought to be Renly's murderer. Brienne enters Catelyn's service.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Jaime Lannister kills Lord Karstark's son.

Crisis: Hand Jaime over to Lord Karstark so that he can kill him risking her only chance to get her girls back OR let Brienne take Jaime away in the hope to exchange him for her daughters but betraying her son Robb?

Climax: She sends Jaime away with Brienne.

Resolution: Robb is not listening to her advice anymore who marries Talisa and betrays his agreement with the Freys.

Arya Stark:

Inciting Incident: Arya is traveling north with those who have been sent to join the Night's Watch.

Complications: Arya has to pretend she is a boy. The Gold Cloaks attack the group and Arya and the other boys are taken to Harrenhall as prisoners where each day a new prisoner is picked to be tortured to death. Tywin Lannister arrives and announces Arya to be his cupbearer. Arya discovers one of the prisoners, Jaqen, disguised himself as a gold cloak and he offers his service to take three lives for her.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Arya realizes she should have asked Jaqen to kill Tywin but Tywin leaves before she can find Jaqen.

Crisis: Shall she ask Jaqen to kill Tywin but then she has to stay in Harrenhall OR shall she trick Jaqen into helping her and her friends escape this dreadful place?

Climax: She tricks him.

Resolution: She and her friends escape. Jaqen gifts her with an ancient coin and some special words if she ever wants to come to Braavos to join the faceless men.

Robb Stark:

Inciting Incident: Robb sends a letter to the Lannister's telling them to stay out of the North forever. His leverage is still the captive Jaime Lannister.

Complications: Catelyn tells him he shouldn't let Theon go back to the Iron Islands. Robb meets the Volantis girl Talisa and falls in love with her. But his mother reminds him he is betrothed to a Frey.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Theon has taken Winterfell.

Crisis: Shall Robb return to Winterfell to get it back risking his battle wins in the south OR shall he continue marching south leaving Winterfell in the hands of the enemy?

Climax: He lets Ramsay take care of Theon.

Resolution: Robb is still mad at his mother and marries Talisa.

Sansa Stark :

Inciting Incident: Despite everything that has happened, she still has to marry Joffrey.

Complications: She is a prisoner in King's Landing and gets abused. She gets Shae as a handmaid (tool). Sansa "has flowered". She has to play a good hostage.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: The Hound offers to take Sansa back home to Winterfell.

Crisis: Shall he believe this drunken man whom she fears but get the chance to get away from King's Landing OR shall she stay saving her life for now but facing a marriage with Joffrey?

Climax: She stays.

Resolution: She won't have to marry Joffrey who will marry Margery instead. Littlefinger reminds Sansa that Joffrey is still going to abuse her.

Bran Stark:

Inciting Incident: Bran has been left in charge of Winterfell.

Complications: The old Lords test Bran to see how easily he'll roll over. But Master Luwin helps and advises Bran. Bran's wolf dreams become stronger and Master Luwin reveals to him that dragons and the children of the forest once existed. Theon has attacked a town 40 leagues from Winterfell.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Theon takes over Winterfell betraying Bran.

Crisis: Shall he yield the castle and save the people OR shall he try and fight risking lives?

Climax: He yields but Ser Rodrick gets killed anyway.

Resolution: He escapes Winterfell hiding in the crypts, but as they come up, Winterfell has been set to the torch. Master Luwin tells him he needs to go north and find Jon. (*Inciting Incident for season 3*)

Lannister

Jaime Lannister:

Inciting Incident: (Season 1) He pushes Bran Stark out of the window after the boy had seen Jaime and his sister Cersei having sex in a tower.

Complications: (Season 1) 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: (Season 1) Jaime gets captured by Robb's army.

Crisis: Shall he kill his own relative to initiate an escape plan OR shall he keep waiting?

Climax: He kills his relative.

Resolution: The friction he caused between the dead boy's father Karstark and Catelyn Stark causes Catelyn to send him away with Brienn to hopefully get exchanged for her daughters.

Tyrion Lannister:

Inciting Incident: Tyrion returns to King's Landing to act as Hand of the King.

Complications: Varys knows about Tyrion's whore/lover Shae and makes a point by telling Tyrion that he can't keep secrets from him. Bronn is now head of the Gold Cloaks (Tool). Cersei

blames him for the death of their mother. To protect Shae, he has to make her a maid which she doesn't like at all. Discovers who is informing on him to the queen = Grand Master Pycelle. Joffrey is a constant complication. Tyrion gets cousin Lancel as a spy to inform on Cersei for him, for example about the wildfire operation. Cersei tells him she has his whore and she will kill her if Joffrey ends up dying in the upcoming battle vs. Stannis, but she has the wrong girl.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Joffrey leaves his man in the battle against Stannis and the men lose hope.

Crisis: Shall he step up and rouse the troops and lead them into battle risking his own life to save King's Landing OR shall he let his family be killed who despise him that much?

Climax: He steps up.

Resolution: He is almost killed by one of the Gold Cloaks but his squire saves Tyrion. Pycell tells Tyrion he is no longer the hand of the king because Tywin took his place. He has also lost the mountain clansman, and Bronn was dismissed as captain of the Gold Cloaks. But at least Shae remains on his side.

Joffrey Baratheon:

Inciting Incident: (Season 1) His mother Cersei tells him that he must marry Sansa to lock down the North legitimately.

Complications: (Season 1) Even though he considers Ned Stark to be a traitor, his mother Cersei tells him he still has to marry Sansa.

(Season 2) He feels threatened (proof of his false lineage) by all of Robert Baratheon's bastard children and orders the royal guard to kill them all. Joffrey is put back in place by Tyrion who compares him to the Mad King. The crowd turns on Joffrey throwing things at him and he gets slapped by Tyrion for being such a prick.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: The Hound leaves him in the battle against Stannis.

Crisis: Shall he stay and fight with his men OR shall he flee back into the keep risking that all his defenders lose hope and he may lose the battle?

Climax: He flees.

Resolution: He has lost even more power now that Tywin is hand of the king. But he doesn't have to marry Sansa anymore.

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Daenerys Targaryen:

Inciting Incident: Dany is marching with the leftover Khalasarr through the red wastes because they need to cross that desert because all other ways are too dangerous.

Complications: Follows the route of the red comet (Tool). One blood rider returns who has discovered the city of Qarth. Xaro offers to marry Dany offering half of his wealth. The 13 refuse Dany's request for ships.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: Her dragons are stolen and some of her Dothraki are killed. She discovers that the warlocks took them with the help of Xaro and they have killed all the other 11 lords of the city.

Crisis: Shall she go to the house of the undying to face their sorcery and tricks to get her dragons back but risking getting lost in there OR shall she find help first or someone else saving her own life listening to Jorah's advice or taking even his help?

Climax: She goes herself and sees different visions.

Resolution: She finds her dragons and uses them to defeat the warlocks. She locks up Xaro in his chambers and takes his wealth to buy ships.

Theon Greyjoy:

Inciting Incident: Theon wants to support Robb with the ships of his former home: the Iron Islands, so he sails back home.

Complications: As he arrives on the Iron Islands, no one seems to care about him. Theon mistakingly hits on his sister Yara whom he doesn't know. His father Balon tells Theon he has become a soft boy growing up in Winterfell.

Turning Point Progressive Complication: His father Balon wants to raid the North.

Crisis: Does he warn Robb of his father's plans being true to the family he has grown up with risking never be able to return to the Iron Islands OR does he prove himself and his loyalty to his father and become a Kraken instead renouncing the Starks?

Climax: He burns the letter he wrote to warn Robb. - **The decision to betray the Starks defines not only who Theon will become but it also starts his downward spiral of a Morality-Testing-Punishment story until he comes to his senses in later seasons and starts his trial for Redemption. Everything that follows in this season (complications and decisions) is a direct effect on that one decision he's made.**

Resolution: Theon gets mocked by his crew and makes a sneak attack on Winterfell, but Yara still tells him he is weak and stupid. He doesn't listen to her and stays in Winterfell where he gets betrayed by his own men and left there alone.

Stannis Baratheon ():

Inciting Incident: Stannis wants to claim the throne.

Complications: The old lords don't support the priestess Melisandre's magic. Stannis' master dies in an attempt to kill Melisandre. Melisandre wants to bear him some kind of son so he has to betray his wife. Renly wants to have the throne for himself so Stannis will have to battle his army. **Turning Point Progressive Complication:** Stannis' fleet is destroyed by wildfire and in the battle, they are smashed by Loras Tyrell's army.

Crisis: Shall Stannis retreat and save the rest of his men and his own life OR shall he continue the battle?

Climax: He retreats and returns to Dragonstone.

Resolution: Melisandre convinces Stannis not to doubt and to continue on to his path of glory.