

The Book of Arralan - The Source - Book 5

Notes for Sensitive Listeners

Dear listeners,

Here is a list of the chapters that might be a little tense or sad.

I hope you have learned that I do stick to my promise. As the books go on, because you have learned that I really will look after my characters, the books get a little more tense than the early ones in some spots.

But the promise remains. I will make sure my characters are all safe in the end.

(Spoilers Alert)

Chapter 2: Pokies

Lawrie gets taken by pokie nosed people, but it soon turns out to be a bit comical and is let go.

Lawrie falls into a pit/trap. But this trap has been set by a young girl who will soon become a close friend of his.

Chapter 5: Big Little Village

The children get captured by giants but they end up being the pet of a friendly child giant.

Chapter 6: The Giant Child

A giant wants to feed them to his bird, but the giant child tells him off and gets them back.

Chapter 7: Jarring

The jar they are in get swept down river, but this frees them from the giant child.

Chapter 8: The winding river

Alana gets upset with Lawrie and is sad. Lawrie also visits an old lady who's a bit creepy but gives him the things he needs to help Alana and causes no harm.

Chapter 9: Otilies

An otter child burns its paw, but Alana helps them.

Chapter 10: Bestie

Alana falls off a waterfall, and it is feared that she is dead. This is a dramatic moment and is sad, but she is ok and it sets up the opportunity for a funny, friendly character to join and add some humour.

Chapter 11: Wakey Wakey

A moon gator comes out of the water and is interested in Alana. It seems worrying for a minute but then its “owner” arrives and they see it is tame.

Chapter 14: Wagon Ride

JoJo is in pain, but Lawrie helps him.

It looks like the band wagon is going to get damaged, but they work together to free it.

Chapter 15: JoJo’s Castle

JoJo is unwell again, but the children help him. Goose jumps in the water and can’t swim but gets pulled out by Alana. JoJo sings a sad song at the end of the chapter.

Chapter 16: Shanty Town

JoJo is unwell for a short moment again.

Chapter 17: Skivveys

Captain Ardemous is a meanish character, but this is actually a comical chapter. The challenges he sets them aren’t really mean. And when he says “this will make you cry” he is talking about onions.

Chapter 18: A Drop in the Ocean

The children are dropped off the deck in the ocean. But merchildren come to their rescue, and they make it to safety soon.

Chapter 19: The Little Island

Some suspense happens when they board a pirate ship in search of food. But they do not get caught.

Chapter 20: A Whole Load of Nothing

The children get a canon fired at their ship. They soon realise the pirates who did it are scared of them and apologise and give them treasure to say sorry.

Alana is very sad that the treasure has been taken but Lawrie helps her to smile again.

Chapter 21: Corrin

Their boat gets a hole in it and there is a tense moment as it fills with water. But the tide turns and they meet a lovely, helpful herdsman called Corrin.

Chapter 22: Sneaky Treasure

This is a tense chapter. They get caught sneaking treasure out of Ardemous's ship. He put them in a dungeon for the night then threatens to put them in a barrel with eels, rats and roaches. But Alana tricks him, telling him that captain crow is coming for him and he gets scared and lets them leave with the treasure!

Chapter 23: Return to Shanty Town

JoJo is unwell and Traveller is angry that the one piece of treasure he wants isn't there. Alana is sad. But she finds a solution. She always does!

Chapter 24: Parrot Hamster

This is a fun playful chapter, but there are a few moments where JoJo seems a little weak and shameful. Goose always lightens the mood though!

Chapter 25: A Captain's Barter

They go back to Ardemous again, but don't worry Alana has a plan, and they don't get into trouble like last time.

Chapter 26: Sillyums

They walk through a dark misty bog, but they have the fun little sillyums to lead them. They meet Gastrell who has a potentially scary sounding voice but is a nice creature.

Chapter 27: Ratillion

They nearly get caught by Ratillion and Snarks, so there is suspense. Then Goose does get caught and there is a tense moment where they put him in stocks. But they only do this to tickle him with a feather so he spits out the pendant.

They do lose the pendant which is frustrating.... But don't worry they will get it back soon!

Chapter 28: JoJo's wish

JoJo makes a wish to get the pendant back. It means he won't get well again, so that seems sad. But he wants this to happen and is glad to help.

Chapter 29: The decision

There is tension as the other creatures try to get into The Source. Lawrie gets left with a big decision that is very hard to make, but they all make it out safe and happy and no one is in danger.

Chapter 30: Princesses

The girls get told off at the dinner table and have to take extra etiquette lessons. But this is a generally lighthearted chapter.

Chapter 31: For freedom

They all escape but the king has search wolves. They are chased by these and it seems at one point that they might be caught, but a lady in a boat rescues them and they all escape.

Chapter 33: A Special Visit

Alana gets sad when she helps Lawrie how to get home. But he promises to visit her.

If you find that your children needed help with any other chapters not highlighted here, please let us know so that we can add notes for future listeners.