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The Glass Castle Study Guide

The Desert: Chapters 26 to Welch 2 (pages 116 to 135)

Section II: The Desert

1. How does the Walls family generally celebrate birthdays? When Jeannette turns 10, what is the special gift does she ask for from Rex? (2:26)
2. What does Rex do about Jeannette's request? (2:26)
3. When Jeannette yells to her mother to help Rex while he is getting sober, Rose Mary's says: "Your father's the only one who can help himself. Only he knows how to fight his own demons." What does she mean? What do you think of Rose Mary's reaction? (2:26)
4. After Rex gets sober, Lori says it won't last long, but Jeannette thinks it will. What does each girls' response say about her relationship with Rex? (2:26)
5. What does the Walls family plan to do after Rex recuperates?
6. How is the car breaking down a metaphor for life for the Rex family?

Section III: Welch

1. Describe the car trip from Phoenix to Welch. What problems do they encounter along the way? How do they deal with them?
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For the first two chapters concerning Welch, please write a summary describing the town, the people who live there, and the Walls' family's first impressions of their new home.

