

Sisterhood Strengths

Outreach Program

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Chapter 7

The Gala (Facilitator Narrative)

1. Chapter Overview

The black sedan glides toward the grand Sycamore Estate, its golden lights glowing like a trap and invitation all at once. Inside the glittering gala, Chloe and Lily Hastings navigate an elegant crowd of diplomats, journalists, and hidden Society members. They meet Eleanor Prescott, the enigmatic hostess whose charm conceals sharp calculation, and spot allies like Daniel and Iris blending into the sea of guests. Beneath the chandeliers and polished marble, danger hums beneath the music. When a mysterious note warns 'Be careful—they know what you're doing,' the sisters realize they're walking straight into the lion's den. The night ends not with victory but with resolve—the mission is larger than they imagined.

2. Core Life Lessons

- **Courage in Disguise:** True bravery often hides behind calm composure.
- **Intuition and Awareness:** Paying attention to body language and energy reveals hidden truths.
- **Manners as Armor:** Courtesy and confidence can be powerful shields in dangerous places.
- **Observation & Insight:** Even in glittering settings, darkness can lurk beneath the light.

3. Character Focus

Chloe – The strategist—balancing fear with focus, courage with composure.

Lily – The empath—her curiosity and emotion reveal truths logic misses.

Eleanor Prescott – The mask of sophistication hiding dangerous intentions.

Daniel & Iris – Subtle allies showing that teamwork sometimes means silent support.

4. Learning Discussion Prompts

1. What makes Chloe and Lily brave in a world that seems deceptive?
2. Why might The Society use glamour and wealth to mask its goals?
3. How do politeness and observation help the sisters stay safe?
4. What message might the mysterious note symbolize about awareness and caution?
5. What do you think the Obsidian Eye statue represents in this scene?

5. Connection to Real Life

Teens often face social “galas” of their own—situations where appearances and truth don't match. This chapter helps students explore authenticity, perception, and courage in environments that can feel intimidating or fake. It also connects to media literacy: recognizing when messages or people hide their true motives.

6. Suggested Activities

- **Observation Challenge:** Watch a short, silent video clip. What can students infer from body language alone?
- **Decode the Room:** Describe what details they'd notice at a “mystery gala” to stay alert.
- **Journal Prompt:** Write about a time they sensed something “felt off” and what intuition told them.
- **Design the Invitation:** Create a coded invitation to a secret event (symbols, riddles, or invisible ink).

7. Song Connection

Song: “Echoes of the Catacombs”

Lyric tie-in: “Even in the light, the shadows speak.”

The song parallels the glamorous deception of the gala and the courage to listen beneath the noise.



Student Worksheet – Ages 10–12



Writing / Reflection

1. Why were Chloe and Lily nervous at the gala?
2. How did they stay brave even when they were scared?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Who is Eleanor Prescott? (a) The hostess of the gala
- What does the note say? (b) “Be careful. They know what you’re doing.”
- What is the Obsidian Eye statue said to do? (c) Reveal truth and expose lies



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Word Scramble: E Y E T R U T H S E E S

→ THE EYE SEES TRUTH.



Song Connection

Echoes of the Catacombs – 'Even in the light, the shadows speak.'

What does it mean to “see truth” when things look perfect on the outside?



Student Worksheet – Ages 13–15



Writing / Reflection

1. How does the gala scene show that appearances can be deceiving?
2. Why do you think Eleanor Prescott invited them specifically?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- What emotion does Chloe hide behind her polite smile? (a) Fear and suspicion
- What kind of clue does the waiter give them? (b) A warning note
- What secret does the gala reveal about The Society? (c) Their influence spreads worldwide



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Decode (A=1, B=2, etc.): 20-18-21-20-8 8-9-4-5-19 9-14 16-12-1-9-14 19-9-7-8-20

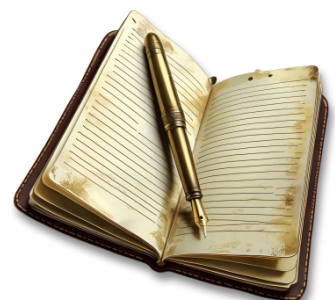
→ TRUTH HIDES IN PLAIN SIGHT.



Song Connection

Echoes of the Catacombs – 'Even in the light, the shadows speak.'

Why is it important to notice what others ignore?



Student Worksheet – Ages 16–18



Writing / Reflection

1. Discuss how power and illusion operate in The Society's world.
2. What does the gala reveal about manipulation, image, and truth?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Why does Eleanor Prescott show interest in Chloe and Lily? (a) She admires and monitors potential threats to The Society
- What does the Obsidian Eye symbolize metaphorically? (b) The danger of knowing too much
- Why is the note's warning crucial? (c) It confirms that their investigation is being watched



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Cipher Riddle: "I stand in light yet belong to dark. I expose the hidden and see through the spark."

→ THE OBSIDIAN EYE.



Song Connection

Echoes of the Catacombs – 'Even in the light, the shadows speak.'

How does this lyric connect to real-world lessons about seeing beyond appearances?

