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Reading: Plot Structure for “Nadia the Willful”

Exposition: We meet Nadia, who is willful, her favorite brother, Hamed, and her father, Tarik, who is the sheik of Nadia’s clan. The story takes place in a desert, possibly in the Middle East or northern Africa.

Rising Action: Hamed dies; Tarik makes a law, making it illegal for anyone to mention Hamed’s name; Nadia “willfully” mentions Hamed’s name to the people of her clan; Tarik banishes a shepherd for mentioning Hamed’s name.

Climax: Nadia, inconsolably upset with his behavior, confronts Tarik, who admits he can’t remember Hamed unless Nadia talks about him; Tarik learns that it’s important to remember the people we’ve lost. He regrets his prideful law.

Falling Action: Tarik gathers the clan and re-names his daughter “Nadia the Wise.”

Resolution: The shepherd returns, and the people of the clan live happily, holding on to Hamed in their hearts and minds.