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Great Gatsby Paragraphs (Chapters 7-9)

**Chapter 7**

Now that Gatsby has met with Daisy and is interacting with her, Gatsby moves away from his previous lifestyle. His entire goal in the previous years was to get Daisy, and now that she is meeting with him, there is no need for him to attempt to get Daisy through his lavish parties and evidently ostentatious lifestyle. In this chapter, it also becomes clear that Daisy and Gatsby love each other, and that Daisy is trying to distance herself from Tom to be with Gatsby. Tom and Gatsby begin to verbally fight. Myrtle is killed by the car that Daisy was driving, and Daisy and Tom seem to be happy together.

“‘Who are you, anyhow?’ broke out Tom. ‘You’re one of that bunch that hangs around with Meyer Wolfshiem—that much I happen to know. I’ve made a little investigation into your affairs—and I’ll carry it further tomorrow.’” This quote exemplifies the character of Meyer Wolfshiem as being one that is shady and criminal-like. His good quality is that he seems to be loyal to those he appears to be close with. For example, he is a loyal friend of Gatsby’s. However, his bad quality is that he is a criminal and has committed crimes, one of which includes fixing the World Series. Wolfshiem’s role in the novel is to connect Gatsby to the underworld and create a greater sense of mystery and suspense surrounding Gatsby.

“She’s not leaving me!” said Tom Buchanan. He is talking about Daisy not leaving him to be with Gatsby. This quote is significant to the novel because it shows that Tom cares about Daisy and does not want her out of his life. It also shows once again that Tom is very possessive and does not want Daisy to leave his possession. It is clearly also a question of pride, as Tom Buchanan who has so much pride, cannot accept that Daisy does not love him. The significance of the quote to the novel is to show Tom Buchanan’s true possessive, prideful colors.

**Chapter 8**

Gatsby is extremely sullen about Daisy falling back in love with Tom. Gatsby relays the story of his past interactions with Daisy in Louisville before he left for the war. He reminisces about the happiness he had, and cannot let Daisy leave him again. Meanwhile, Mr. Wilson, Myrtle’s husband realizes that the driver of the car, who killed his wife could not be Tom, thus it must have been Gatsby. Upon this realization, Mr. Wilson shoots and kills Gatsby and himself.

“‘I spoke to her,’ he muttered, after a long silence. ‘I told her she might fool me but she couldn’t fool God. I took her to the window—’” said Mr. Wilson. This quote represents Mr. Wilson’s character because it shows that he was not dumb, just too trustworthy of his wife. He now understands Myrtle’s true character and that she was cheating on him. Mr. Wilson’s good quality is that he is a kind, trustworthy man, who had faith in his wife. However, his bad quality is that he is a little oblivious and naïve, as he could not even imagine his wife going behind his back like she did. His role in the novel is to pose a threat to Jay Gatsby.

“‘They’re a rotten crowd,’ I shouted across the lawn. ‘You're worth the whole damn bunch put together.’” This is a statement made by Nick Carraway, the narrator. It is significant to the novel because it exemplifies the ostentatious people of Long Island who care for nothing more than having things and having fun. Nick exposes these people as being “rotten”, immoral people. He realizes that Tom, Jordan, Daisy, and the rest of the people he had been interacting with were not the best of people, and with this quote, he makes this fact clear to the reader.

**Chapter 9**

Very few individuals attend Gatsby’s funeral, including Gatsby’s father and Nick. Tom and Daisy move away, and Nick decides to do the same, after realizing he does not like the Long Island lifestyle. Nick speaks with Tom one last time, who believes that Gatsby deserved death, making Nick realize that Tom and Daisy are both not good people. Nick also grows cynical toward the American dream, and the American population’s pursuit of the American dream.

“‘I saw it in the Chicago newspaper,’ he said. ‘It was all in the Chicago newspaper. I started right away.’” This quote by Jay Gatsby’s father, Henry C. Gatz shows Henry Gatz’s true character. Though he was distanced from his son for so long, he still found it necessary to pay his respects. His good quality is his everlasting love for his son, and his good intentions to see his son for one last time. His bad quality is, as far as the reader knows, he never tried to meet with his son. Though Gatsby was on his own and showed no signs of wanting to meet with anyone but Daisy, his father should have still made an attempt to meet his son while he was alive. His role in the novel is to show the few people in this society that are not heartless, such as himself and Nick.

“I called up Daisy half an hour after we found him, called her instinctively and without hesitation. But she and Tom had gone away early that afternoon, and taken baggage with them,” Nick relays to the reader. This quote is significant to the novel because it shows the heartlessness of the wealthy people of Long Island. They did not care for Gatsby after he was gone, only while he was alive and his wealth could be shared, only when they could attend his lavish parties. This quote depicts Daisy moving away after Gatsby’s death. Daisy loved him while he was alive as he could provide him with so much, but she lost all care for him afterwards. The quote shows Nick’s perception of the attitudes of the Long Islanders, and how they were bad heartless people.