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One crazy summer

Rita William Garcia has given the name “One Crazy Summer” to the book for capturing the experience of young girls at the mother's place. During the summer three daughters Delphine, Vonetta and Fem planned to visit the mother in Oakland, California. Garcia has used the book name for presenting the crazy things happening during the stay of girls at their mother's place. The response of the mother Cecile towards her girls is crazy and anonymous. She lacks the will to accept her daughters and treat them warmly. The word crazy is used for presenting the odd behaviour of the mother and how it impacted the three young girls. The stay of the young girls had been unexpected and different that represents the crazy summer. Crazy is also used for comparing the irresponsible behavior of the mother with the responsible kids.

Cecile plays a conflicting role because she abandons her daughters long ago. The daughters planned to visit their mother at Oakland, California. Cecile plays the role of a strange woman who distances herself from her children and lack feelings towards them. When Delphine with her two sisters came to meet her she exhibits discomfort due to her intrusion in her life. She takes her daughters to a small house in the neighborhoods where they get a daybed for sleep. When one of her daughters demands television Cecile makes a rude comment by telling them that she didn't invite them. The initial encounter of Cecile with her daughters portrays her ruthless and selfish nature. She did not care for her kids and convey her annoyance on their arrival. She states, “I didn’t send for you. Didn’t want you in the first place. Should have gone to Mexico to get rid of you when I had the chance" (Garcia). The feelings of the mother towards her daughter are cold. She despises them and believes that her situation is due to them.

The harsh treatment of Celine towards her kids is the result of her own miseries. She believes that the hard time she encountered was the result of her daughters birth. She sends her daughters to the People’s Center for food and denies to take care of them. She keeps on making her girls realize that they are unwanted in her house. She complains about their presence and uses harsh words every time they asked for the money.

The overall assessment of the character of Cecile depicts that she undergoes behavioral issues. She is unable to control her negative emotions or anger that impacted her relationship with her daughters adversely. She lacks control of his emotions that spoils her bonding with her daughters. As a mother, she lacks the will to accept her role and treat them with love. Cecile keeps on reminding them they are not her responsibility and treats with disrespect every time they asked for food or things.

The character of Cecile changes when she attempts to explain her reasons to he elder daughter Delphine. She tells her that she won’t be able to understand her state until she is old enough. The relationship between mother and daughter improved as they decided to stay in touch. This becomes apparent when Delphine hugs her mother before leaving. She also commits to writing letters to each other. The transformation of Celine depicts that she has been the victim of a miserable life that damaged her personality.

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