



Main Character:

Magenta Broussard is the sixteen-year-old daughter of Luther and Patricia Broussard. She is intelligent, beautiful, and determined. Magenta has lots of puffy curly hair with a lock of grey

hair in the middle of her head that she tries to tame. She lets it flow in its natural state or has a braided style. She has attended the best schools from pre-kindergarten to high school.

Her father prepared her for every pre-entrance interview at each learning institution at all her milestones. His attention makes her feel loved and cared for. In addition, her mother grooms her to be the perfect representation of the Broussard family. Her attention makes Magenta feel scrutinized and inspected for perfection. Magenta thinks that Patricia is not so particular about her other two daughters. She allows them to be children and have normal childhoods.

Magenta is most at ease with her grandmother and more at home on Doyfala Island. She has dual citizenship because she was born on the island and moved to the United States as a toddler. She has visited her grandmother every summer for the past ten years.

Her grandmother, Louella, is a medicine woman who grows herbs for medicinal purposes to sell in her apothecary. She teaches Magenta about the things she grows in her garden and the purple flowers that grow naturally on the island. She also talks for hours about the different eccentric family members. For example, Magenta's mother was always prim and proper as a child. Her Aunt Lois, who passed away when Magenta was a toddler, was also a nature lover and spent most of her time in the jungle with the violet-colored reptiles and birds. Grandma Louella tells Magenta about her father and his days as a member of the Seven Tribes of Shiloh.

Magenta also has an ongoing feud with Lindsay St. Andrews. Lindsay hates her, though Magenta does not know why she dislikes her so much. Magenta has ignored her for years; however, now that they are teenagers, they keep bumping into each other as their social circles have begun to overlap. Magenta focuses on her future as an environmentalist and making it to the upcoming Olympics as a relay runner. She is determined to use this summer before her senior

year to improve her social skills and looks forward to being with her teenage cousins, Angela, and Lisa.



Supporting Characters:

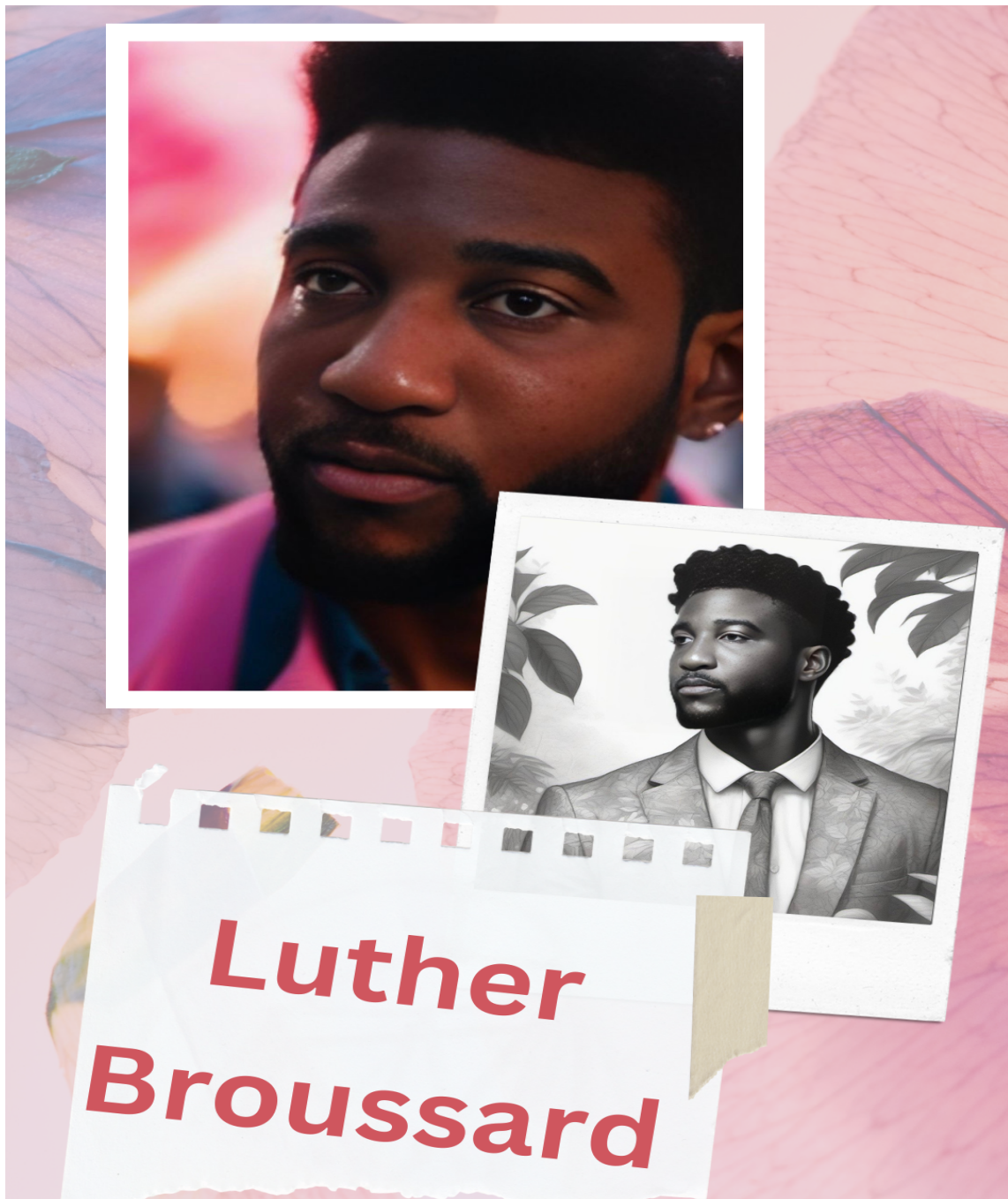
Louella Sinclair Hamilton is Magenta's 60-year-old grandmother. She has long, salt-pepper-colored, silky hair that flows past her shoulders. Louella stands 5 feet tall but is very

strong-willed and outspoken. She is fluent in English, Spanish, French, and Patois. She has lived on the island since birth and is knowledgeable about the land and its resources. Louella's grandmother taught her medicine, passing on a grimoire she cherishes dearly. Louella loves Magenta and sees so much of herself in her. She looks forward to the summer when Magenta visits so that she can pour everything she knows into her. She loves each of her grandchildren dearly, but she especially pays attention to Magenta.



Patricia Hamilton Broussard (Magenta's mother) is a 40-year-old business executive who works hard for recognition in a company dominated by men. She loves her husband but

sometimes resents having to leave her home and family years ago because of his troubles. She is raising three girls, Magenta, Jamaica, and Sierra. Patricia is gorgeous but wants praise for the knowledge she brings to the table. She can be abrasive and harsh, but she feels this is the only way people will take her seriously.



Luther Broussard (Magenta's father) is a handsome, charismatic activist turned politician.

He is 6'5" with dark skin and short-cropped hair. Any room Luther enters feels his larger-than-life presence, and he knows his effect on people. He is devoted to his wife and daughters. He does wish his wife would show her feminine side more often, but he understands why she has such a rough exterior. Luther knows Magenta will have a promising future as an environmentalist because he sees her passion for the land. He envisions a world of plentiful resources for Magenta and his twin daughters, Jamaica, and Sierra. He also wants to show the twins the island where he grew up one day.



Lindsay St. Andrews is a 16-year-old teenager living on Doyfala Island. She is a pretty little mean girl who could use her intelligence for good but chooses to use it for mischief.

Lindsay is a member of one of the island's wealthiest and most prominent families. Her uncle died when she was younger, and she has grown up listening to dark stories about his death. Lindsay cannot get the whole and true story from anyone in her family but knows the Hamilton family has something to do with it, and she has nothing to do with anyone with that last name. She has made it her mission to get revenge and directs all her anger at Magenta.