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## In the Café of the Forgotten City

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The tragedy of a forgotten island.

The house at 14 Ilios Street looms large over Ariana's childhood. Her family lost their home when the Turks invaded Cyprus in 1974 and surrounded the city of Varosha with barbed wire. As she's bussing tables in her father's café, she notices a young woman busy writing. The foreigner is doing a story on this ghost town, but having trouble: it's as if the city rebuffs visitors. Meanwhile, Ariana finds out to her great shock that her father is selling the family home, where her grandparents Ioannis and Aridné once lived. Isn't getting rid of their legacy disowning their history? For Ioannis was a Greek Cypriot and Aridné a Turkish one, whose love grew even as their island was being torn apart.

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