

Fairy Tale Study Guide

Fairy Tale by Cyn Balog

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Plot Summary

"Fairy Tale" by Cyn Balog is an entertaining account of a modern day fairy tale, occurring in New Jersey where the characters are juniors in high school. When the psychic, Morgan, finds out that her boyfriend, Cam, is really a fairy who was switched at birth with the Brownes' human son, Pip, she struggles to find a way to prevent Cam from leaving her and returning to his home in Otherworld to become king of the Seelie Court. However, as she gets to know Pip, who was sent to take Cam's place, Morgan begins to question her feelings. "Fairy Tale" is a story about the difficult decision that this teenaged girl faces regarding true love and what is best for herself and the two boys she loves.

Morgan is shocked when her boyfriend, Cam, seems to fly during his football game and after he confesses he does not remember the play at all, Morgan has a vision which causes her to believe Cam is dying. The next day, Morgan meets Pip, a new kid at school, and Cam gets Morgan out of class to tell her that he is a fairy. She also meets Dawn, Cam's guide to Otherworld where Cam must go on his sixteenth birthday to assume the throne. Lamenting the possibility of a life without Cam, Morgan decides to save him, turning to Pip to learn about fairies. She also gives Pip a makeover when the guys at school pick on him for his strange fashion sense. Morgan feels guilty when she begins fantasizing about Pip, reminding herself that she loves Cam and eventually coming to believe that her feelings for Pip are the result of fairy magic. Pip offers to help Morgan save Cam by returning to Otherworld in Cam's place, but Morgan panics when she envisions Pip being in New Jersey after he should be in Otherworld. Pip convinces Morgan that she should not let her visions dictate how she lives her life after several of her other visions seem to be incorrect.

Since Cam is upset that he has become too small to play football, Morgan encourages him to find his next thing. Pip starts dating Sara Phillips when Morgan encourages him to invite a girl to her and Cam's sixteenth birthday party, but this causes Scab to beat Pip up out of jealousy. Morgan steps in and demonstrates Pip's football skills, leading to Pip being named the team's starting quarterback in Cam's place. When Pip tells Morgan about being tortured in Otherworld, Morgan feels guilty for sending him back to be miserable, but she cannot bear the idea of life without Cam. Cam becomes happier after using his fairy magic to save the life of Gracie Nelson, a young neighbor, yet he assures Morgan he is not having second thoughts about staying with her. Pip worries Dawn will hurt Morgan if she interferes with Dawn's objective to convince Cam to go back to Otherworld.

On the day of Morgan's birthday party, she is not excited because she must choose between losing Cam forever and sending Pip back to Otherworld to be tortured. While Morgan fixes her makeup at the Green Toad before her guests arrive, Dawn threatens her if she interferes with Cam leaving, and she also tells Morgan that Pip has always been infatuated with her. Morgan begins to believe Cam is meant to go to Otherworld after she learns that her other visions were correct after all. After arranging to meet Cam on the back balcony at 11:30 P.M., Morgan greets her guests and dances with Pip. As



they dance, she asks why he wants to leave her before rushing to the balcony. Pip follows and admits he has always thought of Morgan, and she confesses that she loves Pip as Cam appears on the balcony. Dawn causes vines to wrap around Pip's neck, releasing him only after Cam agrees to accompany her to Otherworld. She knew Morgan would sacrifice anything for Pip because humans' greatest weakness is love. After healing Pip, Cam assures Morgan that he will always love her but this is how things are supposed to be, and then he enters the portal to Otherworld. The next day, Morgan finds a fortune cookie necklace with the message that she can do anything. When Pip asks who gave it to her, Morgan remembers Cam and how she felt while they were together. She still feels like she can do anything and she knows that she feels so confident because Cam is looking out for her.



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In Chapter 1, people call Morgan spooky because she is a psychic. Sierra Martin will not look at Morgan since the psychic saw her going to community college instead of Harvard which she has prepared for her entire life. Eden, Morgan's best friend, encourages Morgan to cheer for Cameron Browne, their quarterback and Morgan's boyfriend, who is about to score another touchdown. Morgan cheers to appease Eden, even though she knows Cam will win with or without a cheering audience. Sara Phillips, a cheerleader, rolls her eyes at Eden's cheers, but Eden is oblivious as usual, like how she has a crush on Mike Kensington who is obviously gay. Eden and the rest of the audience erupts into applause as Cam sails into the end zone, but Morgan is frozen because she seems to be the only one who noticed her boyfriend just flew.

In Chapter 2, everyone goes to the Parsonage Diner after the game to celebrate as they do after every win. Joining Cam and his friends, Morgan teases him that she predicted the win, and when he opens an envelope to reveal Morgan predicted the correct score, the guys on the team congratulate her on another correct prediction. Morgan reminds everyone that next Friday, October 15th, is her joint sweet sixteen party with Cam, but Cam seems unexcited. He jokes that it is his studly sixteen before his smile disappears and he excuses himself. He does not return and Morgan gets bored as the team talks about their plans for the next game, so she gets up and finds Cam in the front vestibule, looking at an ad for a '25 Schooner. When she asks what is wrong, he asks if she saw the last play, the intensity in his voice causing the hair on her neck to stand on end. Morgan claims he is amazing and should be happy, but Cam says he would be if he could remember any of it.

Section 1: Chapters 1 & 2 Analysis

In Chapter 1, Morgan Sparks, the protagonist of this novel, is introduced. She is a psychic, and she has nearly reduced her fourth client of the day to tears as she watches the football exhibition game after school as she tells Sierra Martin she will not attend Harvard. Morgan apologizes, but her gift has never been wrong. Being psychic is good for her reputation, and Morgan insists she is not that spooky; "truth is, most people don't



use enough of their brains to see the obvious" (p. 3). Eden, Morgan's best friend, is focused on the game and tries to lead the crowd to do the wave, but no one joins in. Eden has more school spirit than anyone, though she did not make the cheerleading squad. Morgan cheers for her boyfriend, Cam, to appease Eden. Cam looks at Morgan and holds up one, two, three fingers in their secret code for "I love you". Since they have been together since the rest of their class was still in the cooties stage, they learned long ago to keep the romantic stuff secretive. Still upset about Morgan's vision, Sierra assumes Morgan saw herself at Yale, but Morgan is not good at seeing her own future. She only knows that her future is with Cam, foreshadowing the conflict that will arise in this novel concerning Morgan's future with Cam. This chapter also introduces the snobby Sara Phillips who will play a later role in the novel, and it mentions Eden's crush on Mike Kensington who Morgan believes is gay. Morgan's disbelief at Cam's play and her description of Cam flying foreshadows the changes Cam is about to undergo as well as the fact that only Morgan seems to observe these changes.

In Chapter 2, Morgan and her friends go to a diner to celebrate after the exhibition game, and she thinks that the J. P. Stevens Hawks will probably be New Jersey's finest team again this year, though Morgan has not actually envisioned it because her gift is tricky to control sometimes and Cam does not want to know. As she spots Cam in a booth, Morgan catches her breath because she still cannot believe he is hers. When Eden praises Cam's touchdown in the second quarter, he modestly claims his best friend, Scab, put the play together, foreshadowing his actual concerns about the event. Sara Phillips walks by and greets Scab who has had a crush on her forever. He asks if Morgan envisions them together, but Morgan sees him playing defense at a college with palm trees. This crush also leads to a conflict later in the novel. Eden talks to John Vaughn, the team's safety, but she is oblivious that he likes her. Morgan thinks they would make a great couple, but she always sees Eden as a lonely cat lady at the age of thirty. Morgan is confused that Cam seems unexcited about their upcoming joint birthday party, and when he leaves the table, she follows soon after. When Cam asks if Morgan saw the last play, the intensity in his voice causes her hair to stand on end and his claim that he does not remember any of it coincides with Morgan's feeling that Cam flew to foreshadow Cam's upcoming changes.



Section 2: Chapters 3-6

Section 2: Chapters 3-6 Summary

In Chapter 3, Cameron tells Morgan he does not remember anything between the huddle and guys piled on top of him. She guesses he was hit pretty hard, but he objects that he has never blacked out before. Morgan tells him not to let it get to him, and he agrees, but he is a bad liar. Walking to the edge of the porch, Morgan sees Cam staring at the sky, alone. She knew he was letting it get to him. In Chapter 4, Morgan gets ready for bed, but since Cam's light is still on, she calls him and tells him to go to sleep. He pulls the curtain back, grins and tells her to stop spying on him, claiming he is just wound up from the game. Because his light stays on after they hang up, Morgan tries to see his future in order to calm them both down. She channels her energy and asks to see Cam. He looks normal except for the horrific expression on his face. He is surrounded by childlike art and Morgan is behind him with a disgusted expression and tears in her eyes. As she tries to figure out what they are looking at, she loses the vision. Morgan is nearly asleep when it hits her; she sits straight up in bed, and her entire body goes cold.

In Chapter 5, Morgan calls Eden at 2 A.M. and tells her Cam is dying, but Eden does not trust Morgan's psychic abilities and tries to calm her down, assuring her that she and Cam will be together forever. Morgan looks at the picture of her and Cam on Kingda Ka at Six Flags last summer which he bought to remind her that things are not as bad as they seem. Morgan tells herself that now as Eden assures her Cam is not dying. They hang up, and when Cam's light finally goes out, Morgan manages to sleep. In Chapter 6, after asking about her weekend plans, Morgan's mom tells her she saw a handsome young man at the Brownes' house with a suitcase. Ingrid, Cam's mom, had her arm around him but looked agitated. Mom has no idea what is going on because the Brownes are so tight-lipped. Cam calls to tell Morgan he cannot walk her to school because he has something to take care of it and will talk to her about it later. Morgan tells him one, two, three, but the line goes dead, taunting Morgan with the message that ends the call.

Section 2: Chapters 3-6 Analysis

In Chapter 3, Morgan's parents move the porch furniture so they can spy on her and Cam, so a couple years back, Cam decided to use the situation to their advantage, and it would have worked if he was not the worst liar in the world. He claimed she was late for curfew because she saved a choking lady while they were volunteering at the soup kitchen. Morgan cannot believe her luck; Cam is the hottest guy at school and a total sweetie. She is average looking, but they met before appearances mattered. When Cam tells Morgan he does not remember anything after the huddle, she suggests he blacked out, but he does not believe it. He promises not to let it get to him, though Morgan knows he is lying. He teases her about seeing her at the UNICEF meeting



tomorrow before cutting across the lawn to his house next door. Before going inside, Morgan sees Cam staring at the sky and knows he is letting the night's events bother him. In Chapter 4, Morgan chides Cam to go to bed and stop stressing about the game. He jokes that he needs to surf the web for a mail-order bride, but Morgan knows he always disguises his worries with humor. Morgan tries to see Cam's future, hoping to calm both of them down, but her vision shows the two of them looking horrified and disgusted, though she cannot see the reason for their expressions. This vision foreshadows future events as well as Cam's pending changes. She loses the vision, but just as she is about to fall asleep, she has a horrible realization and sits upright.

In Chapter 5, terrified by her new realization, Morgan phones Eden at 2 A.M., crying as she tells Eden about Cam blacking out and her belief that he has a tumor, but Eden tries to calm her down when she realizes Morgan's fear is due to a vision and Cam did not go to a doctor. Eden does not trust Morgan's psychic abilities because Morgan always gives her vague answers about her future since she does not want to tell her best friend that she sees her as a cat lady. Eden begins to ramble about her own problems: Mike finally called her, but she missed the call. Morgan interrupts to ask what she will do if Cam dies and leaves her alone, but Eden assures her they will be together forever. That is what Morgan thought. She wants to be with Cam because that is the only thing in her life that makes sense. Looking at the photo of her and Cam on Kingda Ka last summer, Morgan tells herself that things are not as bad as they seem, just like Cam told her about the roller coaster. Morgan claims she is just tired and overreacting. When Eden asks for her future, Morgan only foresees her having pizza again, and Eden claims Morgan's gift hates her. Morgan loves Eden though, and if Mike doesn't, he is an idiot or gay. In Chapter 6, Morgan notes her parents are boring, spending every night watching television, so she has no clue how she ended up being psychic, a fact that they are unaware of. In the morning, her mom notes she must be exhausted and asks about her weekend plans, and Morgan realizes she will have to be the strong one if Cam is really sick. Morgan's mom mentions that the Brownes have a handsome, young man visiting, foreshadowing the appearance of Pip. She also mentions that Cam's mom looked agitated, and these events, combined with Cam's mysterious call to tell Morgan he cannot walk her to school, indicates that something very serious is going on with Cam, foreshadowing his changes. As Morgan wonders whether she should mention the tumor, Cam insists everything is fine, claiming he needs to pick up his mail-order bride in peace. Cam hangs up before Morgan can tell him she loves him, and the ended call taunts her, increasing her concern for Cam.



Section 3: Chapters 7-9

Section 3: Chapters 7-9 Summary

In Chapter 7, Morgan is sent to the office when she is tardy for geometry class, and while she is there, she sees a tall, nerdy new kid who cannot figure out his locker combination or where Tanner's geometry class is, so Morgan offers to help him. The geek shuffles his feet down the hallway, and when Morgan guesses he is new, he tells her he is fifteen years old and this is his first day. Morgan suggests he put his paper bag, which she assumes is his lunch, in his locker. He pauses and agrees, making it obvious it is not his lunch. After he places the bag in the locker with a lingering look, they cross the building in silence, and as they reach Tanner's class, Morgan welcomes him to Stevens High. He shakes her hand and introduces himself as Pip Merriweather, but when she tells him she is Morgan Sparks, he claims he already knows.

In Chapter 8, back in Tanner's room, Eden asks Morgan if Pip is the new kid Cam told her about, causing Morgan to be curious why Cam would have anything to do with Pip. After Tanner introduces Pip to the class, Scab interrupts the lesson to summon Morgan to the principal's office, and she nervously rises from her seat. In Chapter 9, Morgan feels doomed as she enters the hall, but she is snapped back to reality when Cam jerks her into a classroom. His limbs are stiff as he hugs her, and she asks if his stuff this morning involved Pip, but he ignores her question and tells her he needs her help, explaining he had Scab forge the principal's note. Morgan begins to panic as she suddenly recognizes the scene from last night's vision of Cam, and though Cam objects, she insists that he show her his back. She tries not to scream or cry, but her visions are always right.

Section 3: Chapters 7-9 Analysis

In Chapter 7, Morgan is unable to get away with her tardiness since Tanner is her geometry teacher, and she is afraid to even ask where to report since she has never had a tardy slip because his eyes look so demonic. She waits in the office until the secretary sends her back to class with a warning since this is her first offense. When a guy makes a rude gesture, Morgan thinks she would have become a nun years ago if she did not have Cam, and as she drops a book and bends over to get it, she sees a pair of Keds and white sweat socks. She looks up a tall, basket-ball player frame to see a fashion disaster and is so taken aback that she loses her balance and nearly falls. Morgan steadies herself as the geek tells the secretary he cannot figure out his locker combination or where Tanner's class is, so Morgan offers to help him because it never hurts to be nice. Morgan learns it is his first day, and as she helps him open his locker, he claims he is from the Arctic and they did not have lockers up there. The geek acts strangely about his brown paper bag, so Morgan figures that it is not his lunch as she originally assumes, and this mystery foreshadows a larger mystery with which Morgan will soon become entangled. As they reach Tanner's classroom, the new kid introduces



himself as Pip, and he will become one of the main characters in this novel, along with Morgan and Cam. Strangely, when Morgan tells him her name, Pip claims he already knows, indicating that he may be the boy Morgan's mom saw outside the Brownes' house.

In Chapter 8, Morgan tries to sneak into the room, but Tanner stops and glares at her. When he restarts the lesson, Pip clears his throat, and Eden asks if he is the new kid Cam told her about. Morgan is jealous Eden saw Cam today and curious why Cam would have anything to do with Pip. When she demands to know what Cam said, Tanner asks to speak to Morgan after class. Eden explains she asked Cam about the tumor, and he told her that Morgan has been watching too much E. R. As Tanner introduces Pip to the class, Morgan again ponders what Cam would have to do with the new kid, but as Tanner resumes the lesson, Scab interrupts to summon Morgan to the principal's office. She nervously rises from her seat. In Chapter 9, Morgan's nerves disappear when Cam grabs her in the hallway and explains he had Scab forge the principal's note, but he ignores her questions about Pip, foreshadowing the strange connection between Cam and Pip. Morgan recognizes Cam's shirt and the paintings surrounding them from her vision; she knew her vision would happen but not that it would occur so soon. She asks if it is about the blackout and the thing on his back which she has known about since last night. Cam does not want to show Morgan his back, but she insists. Morgan tries not to scream or cry, but she does. Her visions are always right.



Section 4: Chapters 10-13

Section 4: Chapters 10-13 Summary

In Chapter 10, Morgan asks what it is. Cam asks what she saw in her vision, and she tells him just this. He verifies that Morgan did not see her, and then tells her to forget about it. Cam panics when he learns that Pip put his paper bag in his locker, but he tells Morgan to go to class because he does not want her involved in the chaos about to occur. Since Cam disappears, Morgan goes to class, obtaining a pass and going to Pip's locker where she expects to find Cam. Since Cam is not there, Morgan is about to open the locker when she hears scratching and realizes something alive is inside the lockers. As she turns to run, a subhuman hiss demands to be released. In Chapter 11, Morgan runs into Cam and Pip, and though Cam tells her to go to class, she chases them back to Pip's locker. Cam is upset Morgan heard her since it means she is awake and mad, but he again ignores Morgan's questions about who she is. As Cam starts conversing with a spot under his nose, Pip explains he is talking to Dawn, but Pip cannot see her either because "humans can't see them when they choose not to be seen" (p. 55). Irritated by Cam ignoring her, Morgan yells his name and the translucent glob under his nose moves toward her and spreads over her skin, causing a pain on the side of Morgan's head as she falls on the floor.

In Chapter 12, Morgan wakes in the shed by the football field with Cam who explains Dawn hit her. He is surprised Morgan can see Dawn since the fairy can choose to be invisible to humans. Unsure how to explain things, Cam produces a wand, using it to conjure a fortune cookie. The paper inside says "don't let them take me away from you" (p. 60). In Chapter 13, Cam explains Dawn is his guide to Otherworld, the world of the fairies, and she has come to take him home to his kingdom on his sixteenth birthday. Morgan cannot believe what Cam is saying, but she knows he is not lying or joking. When she asks how long he has to go, his look tells her forever. Cam urges there is not much time, asking her to help him. He pulls out a roll of bandages and asks Morgan to wrap his wings.

Section 4: Chapters 10-13 Analysis

In Chapter 10, bad is an understatement because it looks like something is poking out from Cam's skin. Cam's mention of "her" piques Morgan's curiosity and foreshadows the appearance of Dawn, the fairy sent to take Cam back to Otherworld. The bell rings, but Cam does not talk as the hallway fills. She quietly asks who she is, but Cam tells Morgan to hush because she can hear them. Cam asks if Pip had something with him, and when Morgan mentions that Pip seemed whacked about his lunch bag, Cam is appalled that Pip put it in his locker. He tells Morgan to go to class, warning that all hell is about to break loose and he does not want her to be in the middle of it. Morgan tries to refuse, but a freshman spills Hi-C down the front of Morgan's sweater and Cam disappears. In Biology, Morgan gets a hall pass and paces in front of Pip's locker,



figuring Cam will be there but he is not. Worrying about what is in Pip's locker, Morgan tries to envision Pip, but nothing happens. She begins to open the locker but hears scratching and realizes something alive is inside the locker. Something tells her Cam is right and something bad is about to happen, and as she turns to run, she hears a subhuman hiss demanding to be let out, foreshadowing the appearance of Dawn. In Chapter 11, Morgan runs toward class, bumping headfirst into Pip and Cam as she rounds a corner. Cam tells her to stop screaming and go back to class, but she chases them as they head to Pip's locker. Cam is upset Morgan heard her because it means she is awake and will be mad. Pip flushes, protesting he did not know what else to do. Morgan asks again who she is, nearly running into Cam's back when he stops. She sees Pip's locker door swinging open as Cam apologizes and begins conversing with a spot under his nose. Pip explains that Cam is talking to Dawn who is unhappy he put her in his locker. When Pip mentions that he cannot see Dawn either since she can make herself invisible to humans when she chooses, Morgan wonders what she is and what that makes Cam since he can obviously see her. Focusing at the spot where Cam is looking, Morgan sees a translucent glob moving, but no one answers when she asks what it is. Agitated that Cam is ignoring her, Morgan yells his name, and as he turns, the glob moves toward her and spreads over her skin, causing her to forget what she was about to say. Cam lunges for Morgan, yelling "no!", but Morgan feels a pain on the side of her head, and the tile stretches up to meet her.

In Chapter 12, Morgan feels dead as Cam calls her back, but her vision improves and she realizes she is on a gym mat. Cam brought her to the shed by the football field to explain, but he pauses because he does not know how to say this. He explains Dawn hit her. Dawn can be invisible to humans when she wants, so Cam is surprised Morgan can see the glob. Pip brought Dawn to school in the paper bag because she was sleeping and would not like being left at home. In order to explain things, Cam takes a stick out of a paper bag, taps it on the mat three times, and a fortune cookie appears and inside begs Morgan not to let them take him away from her, foreshadowing the fact that Cam is supposed to return to Otherworld with Dawn. Cam wipes tears from his eyes as Morgan looks up, though he would still like her to believe he does not cry. In Chapter 13, Morgan asks if Cam is moving, and when he says no, she asks if this has to do with Dawn. He shushes her because Dawn can hear. Cam says he is not good with his wand yet and that Dawn is his guide to wherever fairies go. Sarcastically joking, Morgan asks if he has the ring to rule them all, but Cam seriously tells her that they have come to take him home. Morgan wants to believe this is a joke, but Cam does not joke like this, so he is a fairy. Cam explains Dawn is taking him to his kingdom, in a whole other world, on his sixteenth birthday. Morgan argues they are having a birthday party, and he looks at her like she is crazy for worrying about the party when he just found out he is not human. This seems crazy because Morgan knows everything about Cam and can tell he is not lying. Morgan is distraught when she realizes Cam will never return from Otherworld. Cam asks Morgan to wrap his wings, explaining the horrific thing on his back and indicating the first sign of the physical changes Cam will undergo as he transitions into a fairy.



Section 5: Chapters 14-16

Section 5: Chapters 14-16 Summary

In Chapter 14, Morgan spends the rest of the day in a haze as she comes to grips with the idea that her boyfriend is a fairy, despite the fact that he is as human as anyone she knows. The fact that he must leave the world forever on his sixteenth birthday explains why Morgan rarely sees Cam in visions of the future, and she has a minor mental breakdown at the idea that she will not have Cam in her life forever as she believed. When she gets home, Morgan lays in the front yard, looking at the sky. Pip joins her, explaining he is the Brownes' real son but the fairies switched him and Cam at birth because Cam was sickly and should not have survived until adulthood. Now, the fairies need Cam to rule Otherworld because his older brother was killed in a war, but Cam, like all fairies, cannot travel through the portal to Otherworld other than on his Day of Birth and his Day of Becoming which is his sixteenth birthday. Pip is not upset to leave Otherworld because he never fit in, but now he wonders if coming to Earth was a mistake since he does not fit in here either. When Morgan considers reasoning with the fairies to take Pip instead of Cam, Pip insists they will not agree because Cam is the only true heir. Furthermore, he tells Morgan that Cam will marry Dawn once they return to the Otherworld. Jealously threatening to hit Dawn, Morgan wants to talk to the fairy, but Pip's cheeks color as he tells Morgan that Dawn is behind her.

In Chapter 15, Morgan is afraid as she turns to face the perfect complexion of her boyfriend's intended. As Dawn explains shape-shifting is easy for the Seelie Court, Morgan puts her hands on her hips to show Dawn she is not swayed by her powers, and Pip explains the Seelie Court are the most benevolent fairies and are usually kind to humans. Dawn dismisses Morgan as she tells Pip that Cam's training is going well but slowly due to interruptions. When Dawn expresses her certainty that he will come around, Morgan objects Cam does not want to be a fairy and is in love with her. Dawn claims Cam's birthright is to be king of the Seelie Court, also mocking Morgan that fairies are incapable of love. Dawn insists Cam will return to Otherworld with her on his sixteenth birthday, threatening to hurt Morgan if she interferes. In Chapter 16, Morgan's mom questions Morgan about Pip, and Morgan says he is a cousin. Seeing Cam's light switch on, which means he is home from practice, Morgan excuses herself. She needs to talk to Cam because they only have a week together if he is really leaving and "I have no idea who I'll be then, because I've never had to define myself without him" (p. 82).

Section 5: Chapters 14-16 Analysis

In Chapter 14, the rest of the day is hazy and Morgan leaves the shed confused because she cannot believe her boyfriend is a fairy. She saw his wings, but she has known Cam since they were in diapers, and he is as human as anyone she knows. Dawn told Cam he can fly which explains the football game and he blacked out because his powers are not fully developed. When he inherits his full powers on his sixteenth



birthday, he will have to leave the world forever. This explains why Morgan rarely sees Cam in visions of the future; she always feels he is nearby because he must be, but maybe he is not. This realization causes her to spend a lot of time in the bathroom stall having a minor mental breakdown, and Sierra Martin recognizes her flip-flops and brings evidence to prove Morgan saw the wrong person in her vision. Unable to take anymore, Morgan agrees she must have been wrong, so Sierra leaves, allowing Morgan to continue focusing on Cam and his wings. Managing to get home safely, Morgan lays on the grass and stares at the sky, recalling how she and Cam used to do that a lot when they were growing up. Pip joins her and asks the purpose of reclining here, so Morgan explains she cannot breathe and feels like she is going to die. When she asks if Pip is a fairy, he explains he is the Browne's son. The fairies switched him and Cam at birth because Cam was a changeling, a sickly fairy, and should have died before adulthood. They still do not understand how he recuperated, but now they need him because his older brother died and Cam is the only heir to the throne. They have not taken Cam yet because the portal to Otherworld is only open on the Day of Birth and the Day of Becoming, one's sixteenth birthday. Pip misses Otherworld, but they do not want him anymore; they want Cam. He is not upset because he never felt like he belonged, and he hoped he would fit in better here but he does not and wonders if coming here was a mistake. Morgan ponders if she can reason with them because Cam does not fit the fairy mold and does not want to go to Otherworld but Pip does. Pip insists they must have Cam because he is the only true heir. He also explains that Dawn is Cam's intended and will marry him when they return to Otherworld. Freaking out, Morgan needs to talk to Dawn. She wonders if Dawn hit her because she is jealous and tells Pip she will slap Dawn into Otherworld because Cam is hers. Pip objects, and his cheeks color as he informs Morgan that Dawn is right behind her.

In Chapter 15, Morgan is afraid as she faces the fairy, but she tries to hide her apprehension during their conversation. Dawn admits she is a fairy godmother before demanding silence from the "Dubbleflinger", a term Pip pretends not to know so Morgan knows it is an insult. Dawn insinuates her disapproval of Morgan when she tells Pip that Cam's training is progressing slowly due to interruptions, but she is certain he will come around. When Morgan tells Dawn that Cam will not come around because he does not want to be a fairy since he is in love with her, Dawn insists Cam must become the king of Otherworld, and she mockingly informs Morgan that fairies are incapable of love, a concept that comes into play repeatedly throughout this novel. Despite the belief that fairies are incapable of love, Cam seems to demonstrate that this is not true. Objecting Cam cannot be king, Morgan trails off to avoid insulting the powerful fairy. Dawn threatens to hurt Morgan if she interferes, foreshadowing their showdown at the Green Toad. Pip looks frightened, and Morgan wills herself to shut up, but one fact is obvious: "I am going to lose my boyfriend forever" (p. 79). In Chapter 16, Morgan drowns her sorrows in ice cream, but nothing matters because her boyfriend is a fairy and must marry Dawn. Her mother offers her dinner, and she thinks of how Cam's appetite fits in perfectly with her mom's Italian heritage, but that will not happen anymore. When Cam's light turns on, Morgan excuses herself from the dinner table because she needs to talk to Cam if he is really leaving in only a week. She worries who she will be without Cam because she has never had to live without him before. This fear of living without Cam repeats throughout the novel as Morgan prepares for Cam to go to Otherworld.



Section 6: Chapters 17-20

Section 6: Chapters 17-20 Summary

In Chapter 17, Morgan is shocked to find Mrs. Browne in tears, and Cam meets her on her way upstairs as he was on his way to see her. He has been studying with Dawn all afternoon as he is now too weak to play football. As she hugs him, Morgan notes that Cam smells different, and when she worries he will stop loving her, Cam assures her that will never change. Since Morgan wants to talk alone, without Dawn overhearing them, Cam leads her to the shower since running water can kill full-fledged fairies. Cam explains he is expected to become king of Otherworld when he turns sixteen since his brother died in a war, and when Morgan mentions Dawn's threats, he assures her that Dawn promised not to harm her. Acknowledging the fact that fairies are supposed to be incapable of love, Cam refuses to believe he is a fairy if that is true. Cam explains that his father, Massif, is the problem and Dawn is only following orders, but he cannot go to Otherworld because it will be forever and he refuses to leave Morgan. After they kiss good night, Morgan goes home and looks at the roller coaster picture, telling herself it is not as bad as it seems. Wearing one of Cam's jerseys, she cries herself to sleep.

In Chapter 18, Morgan hides in the library during first period, trying to come up with a way to keep Cam with her, but her mind is blank. Leaving the library, Morgan continues to worry what will happen to her if Cam leaves, and Eden tries to comfort her when they run into one another in the hallway. Noting Pip and how he does not fit in, Morgan thinks they might be friends if Cam leaves since they will both have lost something dear to them. When Eden tells Morgan about the football team harassing Pip, Morgan decides to help him by giving him a makeover. Morgan suddenly realizes that Pip knows everything about fairies, and she decides she will ask him to help her find a way to save Cam. In Chapter 19, five chicken Gorditas and a Mountain Dew from Taco Bell makes Pip talk about fairies without shutting up. This world is growing on Pip because he can go wherever he wants; he was unable to go where he wanted in Otherworld because he is human. Pip does not seem to want to talk about the fairies anymore, but Morgan asks about the fairies' weaknesses. He cannot think of any, yet it seems like he wants to help her. Morgan announces that they are going to the Gap.

In Chapter 20, Morgan spends a good chunk of her savings on new clothes for Pip and once she styles his hair, he is hot. While Pip goes to change at her orders, Morgan asks Cam how training is going. Cam looks terrible and so she asks why he cannot just refuse to go. Dawn hovers over his head, so Morgan tells her to go away, and Cam answers he does not have a choice before expressing surprise that Morgan can see Dawn. As Cam reminds her that he will always love her, she asks if he would go along if they could think of a way out, and he agrees, as long as it does not put Morgan in danger. Morgan is distracted by Pip's abs as he changes, and Cam promises to work on it, warning Morgan that she does not know what she is up against. As Pip looks in the mirror with an air of confidence, Morgan feels for the first time that she is in over her head.



Section 6: Chapters 17-20 Analysis

In Chapter 17, Mr. and Mrs. Browne have always seemed too perfect, so it is ironic that Cam is the one from another planet. Morgan is astounded when Mrs. Browne greets her in tears, saying she needs to find a way to help her sons through this and does not believe there is a way to keep Cam with them. She also feels bad she was not there for Pip growing up. As Morgan goes upstairs, he comes down because he was on his way to see her. He has been studying all afternoon with Dawn, unable to attend football practice since he feels weak. Morgan hugs Cam, pulling back because he smells different, but he is not surprised; he has less strength, but he sees and hears better. Morgan worries the fairies will change how he feels about her, but Cam promises that will never change, attune to her thoughts. When Morgan wants to be alone so Dawn cannot hear them, Cam leads her to the shower, explaining running water can kill fairies, but he is not enough of a fairy yet for it to harm him. In disgust, Cam explains that his older brother was killed in a war, so they expect him to be king when he turns sixteen. When Morgan tells him how Dawn threatened her, he assures her that Dawn will not hurt her because he will kill Dawn if she harms Morgan. Morgan points out that Cam is supposed to marry Dawn, and he explains it is about uniting two kingdoms, not about love, and he refuses to believe he is a fairy if fairies are incapable of love. Cam defends Dawn, claiming that she is only doing what Massif, his father, ordered her to do, upon penalty of death. At home, Morgan again looks at the picture of her and Cam on Kingda Ka, reminding herself it is not as bad as it seems. She cries herself to sleep, wearing one of Cam's jerseys for comfort.

In Chapter 18, Morgan spends first period in the library, hoping the redness in her cheeks will go away. She needs a plan to help Cam stay with her, yet her mind is blank. She runs into Eden as she thinks she does not know what will happen to her if Cam leaves since her life is interwoven with his, and Eden tries to comfort Morgan, asking if her tears are because of her vision and noting that Cam has been acting different. Seeing Pip, Morgan notes that he does not fit in and thinks maybe she will not either with Cam gone. Maybe she and Pip can be friends because he will understand how she feels since he has also lost something dear to him. Eden tells Morgan about how the guys were harassing Pip earlier, and thinking that Cam would protect Pip if he was not home studying with Dawn, Morgan decides to help Pip because that is what Cam would do. She says the boys better leave Pip alone, and she considers giving him a makeover, thinking it will be difficult since he is more fairy than human. Suddenly realizing Pip knows everything about fairies, Morgan decides she will get him to tell her about them, and maybe he can help her find a way to save Cam. This foreshadows the plan that Morgan and Pip come up with to prevent Dawn from taking Cam to Otherworld.

In Chapter 19, Pip tells Morgan everything he can about fairies while she treats him to lunch at Taco Bell. Morgan does not understand what he is talking about, but Pip wants more food because fairies only eat once a day. The fact that Pip could not go wherever he wanted in Otherworld indicates that he was not treated well while there, especially when he seems not to want to talk about the fairies anymore. Morgan asks him if the fairies have any weaknesses, but Pip can think of none. He seems to want to help her



though, so Morgan continues with her plan to help him, announcing they are going shopping at the Gap. In Chapter 20, Pip is very attractive after Morgan's makeover. Mrs. Browne is thrilled to see her son looking normal, but she cries and rushes away when she sees Cam who also approves of Pip's new look. As he tells her, he does not have a choice about leaving, Cam warns Morgan not to provoke Dawn, even though he forbade Dawn to touch Morgan. Cam is not on Dawn's side, but he does not believe she is evil either because his father will kill her if she does not obey. Cam is busy this weekend, causing Morgan to complain since it is their last weekend together. When Cam reminds Morgan that he will always love her, she convinces him to agree if they can come up with a plan to save him, as long as it does not put Morgan in danger; this foreshadows the plan that Morgan and Pip come up with. The fact that Morgan is distracted by Pip indicates and foreshadows her attraction to Pip, and Morgan notices Cam's hands have shrunk, indicating his continued physical changes as he becomes a fairy. She tells Pip that he looks good and Cam adds the sunglasses that she gave him for his last birthday.



Section 7: Chapters 21 & 22

Section 7: Chapters 21 & 22 Summary

In Chapter 21, Morgan feels guilty when she dreams about kissing Pip. Vowing to save Cam, she plans to borrow every book on fairy lore from the Edison Public Library, but downstairs, she finds Mrs. Browne and Pip talking to her dad. Pip explains that he is supposed to be her escort since Cam cannot join them for their appointment at the Green Toad to iron out the details for their upcoming birthday party. Morgan's mom is glad Pip is going with them so they will have a man's opinion; Morgan notes Pip does not seem very manly, even if he is human.

In Chapter 22, at the Green Toad, the discussion about napkins for the party which now makes Morgan think of doom; "the night of our sixteenth birthday is no longer party time. It's D-day" (p. 108). The manager, Gizelle, flirts with Pip, but he does not seem to notice, making Morgan want to protect his innocence. While Mrs. Browne and Mrs. Sparks tour the courtyard with Gizelle, Morgan and Pip go to the Tahiti Room where the party will be held. When Morgan explains sixteenth birthdays are a big deal in her world, Pip tells her they are also a big deal for fairies since it is the Day of their Becoming, when they become a full fairy, and this is also the only day fairies can cross the portal between worlds which is why Cam must leave on his sixteenth birthday. As they enter the Tahiti Room, the dance instructor invites them to join her class. The instructor positions Pip and Morgan for the dance, and Morgan wants to leave because Pip smells strangely familiar. She allows Pip to lead her across the dance floor, trying to mimic his moves. The instructor pulls Morgan's leg around Pip's body. Pip stares at Morgan. Uncomfortable, she pushes away and falls back on her elbows.

Section 7: Chapters 21 & 22 Analysis

In Chapter 21, Morgan wakes trembling from a dream in which Cam was holding her but he turned into Pip as he leaned in to kiss her. Waking, she assures herself it did not happen, worrying it is a vision instead of a dream and trying to convince herself she did not enjoy it. Last night, Morgan vowed to find a way to save Cam, even if Dawn kills her, and at 3 A.M., she reserved every book about fairy lore at the Edison Public Library. Going downstairs, she finds her dad talking to Mrs. Browne and Pip who he explains he is to be her escort since Cam cannot make their appointment. Morgan forgot that Mom scheduled an appointment with the manager of the Green Toad to iron out the details for next weekend's party. When Mom asks where Cam is, Pip tells her he is "studying the fairy ways" (p. 106) and Morgan quickly claims it is an elective. When Mom claims they need a man's opinion, Morgan notes that Pip might be a human, but he does not seem manly; the irony is that fairy logic claims Cam does not belong here.

In Chapter 22, Morgan is overwhelmed by planning for the party since she no longer sees the night of her sixteenth birthday as party time; instead, it is the night she will lose



Cam forever. Mom is agitated that Morgan does not have an opinion, but Mrs. Browne tells her to take her time, though she seems indifferent also. As Pip praises the desserts, Gizelle, the manager, flirts with him. Morgan is annoyed by how her mom also fawns over Pip, asking his opinion when Morgan chooses silver napkins, but of course, Pip agrees with Morgan. Gizelle primps and checks if Pip notices her, but he is probably the only sixteen-year-old boy who does not think about sex constantly which makes Morgan want to tell Gizelle to back off. While the women tour the courtyard, Morgan and Pip check out the party room. When Pip asks what the party is for, Morgan explains sixteenth birthdays are a big deal. Pip tells her it is also a big deal for fairies because it is their Day of Becoming when they become a full fairy. Dawn is 43 years old, but since fairies live a thousand years, she is near Cam's age. Morgan wonders why they cannot wait, and Pip explains fairies can only cross into Otherworld at midnight on their Becoming. Dawn is granted an exception to cross the barrier with Cam because she is his guide. As they join the dance class in the Tahiti Room, all of the women giggle at Pip, and Morgan does not understand the strange effect he has on women. Morgan is uncomfortable as she dances with Pip and notices that he smells familiar; his smell has begun to imitate Cam's since he is meant to take Cam's place. She notes his eyes are amazing, swearing they were not so beautiful yesterday. When Morgan asks where he learned to dance, Pip explains the fairies love to dance. When the dance instructor positions Morgan and Pip too closely, Morgan jerks back, uncomfortable, and falls on the floor.



Section 8: Chapters 23-25

Section 8: Chapters 23-25 Summary

In Chapter 23, Pip feels horrible about Morgan's injured arm because Cam asked him to look out for Morgan, and she is not surprised because she is hopeless and will never make it without Cam. Pip is surprised by love which does not exist in Otherworld since fairies do not love one person above all others. She suggests Pip invite a date to the party on Friday, advising him to aim high because he is worth it. After confirming that Morgan is positive Cam is her true love, Pip says he knows a way to keep Cam here with her. In Chapter 24, Morgan is unable to sleep after Pip tells her it is possible so she waits for Cam on her dark porch, and when he arrives, she suggests taking a walk. Morgan pulls Cam into Mrs. Nelson's sprinkler so Dawn cannot hear as she informs him that Pip is 99% convinced that there is a way to keep Cam in New Jersey so he can stay with Morgan, and it is almost perfectly safe. When Cam objects he will be a freak, Morgan says nothing can stop her from loving him. In Chapter 25, Mom chides Morgan for fornicating on Mrs. Nelson's lawn the previous evening before leaving Pip and Morgan alone in Morgan's room. Pip tells Morgan about how humans have accidentally crossed the portal and left fairies stranded on Earth; Cam will be forced to stay with Morgan if someone else takes his place, but if no one takes his place, the balance between the worlds will be destroyed. Morgan's hope vanishes when Pip tells her the person who replaces Cam can also only enter Otherworld on their sixteenth birthday. She knows no one besides herself who shares Cam's birthday. Pip reminds her that he was also born on October 15th.

Section 8: Chapters 23-25 Analysis

In Chapter 23, Pip feels terrible, and Morgan's mom is angry about her injured arm ruining all of her sweet sixteen pictures. As Pip follows Morgan into her bedroom, she warns him to leave the door open. When Pip mentions that Cam thinks Morgan is the bravest girl he knows, she admits she used to be, but she does not want to face a single day without Cam. Pip is uncomfortable when Morgan asks if he has ever been in love, claiming he is unsure he can be that kind of person or that anyone would feel that way about him; his discomfort foreshadows a difference between what he claims here and the truth. Morgan insists love is possible for Pip since Cam, as a fairy, loves her when he is supposed to be unable to love. In Chapter 24, Morgan is anxious to talk to Cam about what Pip told her, and she bombards him as soon as he returns home. As they walk, she notices he has shrunk and his wings are ripping through his bandage, and Cam complains that he is a freak. Pulling Cam into the sprinkler, she tells him that Pip has a plan that they are almost certain will work, foreshadowing Pip and Morgan's plan to save Cam. Morgan is shocked when Cam asks if she envisioned it since he never asks about the future, so she lies and tells him she envisioned their plan being successful. Cam does not understand why Morgan would want to be with him when he will be a freak, but she kisses him and assures him nothing can stop this. In Chapter 25,



Mom enters Morgan's bedroom the next day to chide her for fornicating on Mrs. Nelson's lawn at 1 A.M., and when Morgan claims she has homework to get Mom to leave, Mom opens the door wider to reveal Pip, looking extremely attractive. Surprisingly, Mom leaves them alone and even closes the door, leaving Morgan confused as to why Mom is so infatuated with Pip. Morgan informs Pip that Cam knows about their plan but cannot help because Dawn is always on his back. She repeats Pip's words that a fairy must enter Otherworld of their own free will, and after noting the fairies will be angry if Cam does not go, Pip recounts tales of humans accidentally crossing the portal and leaving fairies stranded on Earth, so Cam will be forced to stay here forever if someone else takes his place. Someone must take Cam's place, though, or the balance between the worlds will be destroyed and both worlds will be consumed by fire for 1000 years. When Pip stresses Dawn must not learn of the plan because she will remove any barriers in the way of her objective, Morgan assures him it will be too late by the time they realize Cam does not want to go to Otherworld. Pip also notes that they will be unable to protect whoever takes Cam's place, but as Morgan contemplates convincing Sara Phillips to be their sacrifice, he informs her humans can also only enter Otherworld on their sixteenth birthday. Morgan is distraught because no one else at school, besides her, shares Cam's birthday, but Pip reminds her that he was also born on October 15th, indicating that he will volunteer to take Cam's place.



Section 9: Chapters 26-29

Section 9: Chapters 26-29 Summary

In Chapter 26, Morgan argues that the fairies will be cruel to Pip and he does not deserve that, but he sees it as doing his part for true love. Dawn comes to retrieve Pip to help with Cam's training, but Morgan slams the door in her face and asks why Pip would make such a huge sacrifice for her. He insists it is not a big sacrifice. She hugs him, holding the embrace a bit too long and recognizing his scent of woods and aftershave. In Chapter 27, Morgan is heartbroken when she goes to bed because she has not seen Cam all day. She misses the old easy-going version of Cam because this new Cam hates who he is. She worries what kind of life he will have in this world as a fairy. Cam has always been perfect, so she is not sure how he will handle this, but he must because she cannot handle life without him. Morgan is unable to envision Cam, and when she envisions Pip, her celebration abruptly comes to a halt.

In Chapter 28, Morgan feels guilty as she dreams of kissing Pip again and when she meets him downstairs, she cannot look him in the eyes. She tells herself she does not have feelings for Pip and that Cam is her true love. Telling Pip she envisioned him walking down their street in the fallen leaves, Morgan explains that this means their plan will fail since he should be in Otherworld by that time. She refuses to believe there is a possibility that her vision is wrong, but Pip accuses her of letting her powers control her; giving up guarantees their plan will fail, but Morgan insists that her visions are never wrong. When Cam joins them, Morgan contemplates telling Cam that the plan will fail, but his eyes are hopeful and filled with love for her, so she cannot let him down. Cam smiles when Morgan assures him no worries, and as he hugs her, Pip mouths "don't give up" (p. 144). Morgan is distraught because Cam is counting on her to save him, but everything inside her believes it is impossible. In Chapter 29, Morgan is miserable as she reaches geometry class because she got Cam's hopes up and now she knows it cannot happen. She begins to wonder if she should not let her visions control her, but they have never been wrong. Eden is annoyingly peppy today as she shows Morgan her disgusting hickey, but Morgan is shocked when Eden tells her it is from Mike Kensington. Morgan objects he is gay, but Eden says she never believed that. When Morgan suggests he is confused, Eden claims Morgan is confused. Morgan looks at Pip and wonders about him touching her like in her dream, but she wants to stab herself with a pen when she thinks of Cam. Eden is right; "I am definitely confused" (p. 148).

Section 9: Chapters 26-29 Analysis

In Chapter 26, Morgan argues that Pip does not deserve the fairies' cruelty, but he insists he does not fit in here, not realizing his differences make him interesting. Morgan is distracted by his broad chest as he leans back and claims he sees it as doing his part for true love. When Dawn knocks on the door, Morgan worries about what she overheard and asks what she wants. Dawn needs Pip because Cam needs a human to



practice on. Slamming the door in Dawn's face, Morgan asks if Pip meant what he said, unsure why he would make this sacrifice for her, but he claims it is not a big sacrifice, though it is her only hoping of keeping Cam with her. Morgan again notes Pip's scent of woods and aftershave as she hugs him a bit too long. This indicates Morgan's attraction to Pip and the fact that he has begun replacing Cam. In Chapter 27, Morgan worries about how Cam will handle living in her world as a fairy. She does not know how he will handle no longer being perfect, but she cannot handle living without him. Though she tries, Morgan cannot envision Cam, but she panics when she envisions Pip, indicating a hitch in their plans.

In Chapter 28, Morgan's dreams are filled with visions of Cam and Pip, and though she feels guilty for making out with Pip in her dream, she does not stop. Feeling horrible when she wakes, she runs downstairs and finds Pip waiting between their houses. She cannot meet his eyes, telling herself these feelings for him are ridiculous and reminding herself that Cam is her true love. She tells Pip she envisioned him walking down their street, through fallen leaves, which means he will be here at the end of the month, so their plan must fail. Pip suggests the vision is wrong, but Morgan insists her visions are never wrong so they should give up now. She begins to suspect Dawn is enchanting her to have feelings for Pip. Recalling how Cam never wants to know the future, Morgan thinks maybe things would have gone differently if he had known. Cam joins them as Morgan asks Pip what they should do, and she quickly lies that they are working on a geometry project. Changing the subject, she asks what is going on with Dawn, and Cam tells her Dawn hates that Morgan can see her. Morgan cannot stand to destroy Cam's hope by telling him that their plan will fail. She assures him everything is fine, distraught that she does not believe it is possible. In Chapter 29, Morgan feels guilty for lying to Cam that everything is fine when she feels sure she cannot save him. She trusts her visions explicitly, but when Eden tells her that she is now dating Mike Kensington, Morgan begins to doubt her visions and her intuition, foreshadowing her decision to pursue her plan to save Cam. Morgan continues to fantasize about Pip, admitting to herself that she is confused about her feelings and foreshadowing her relationship with Pip.



Section 10: Chapters 30-32

Section 10: Chapters 30-32 Summary

In Chapter 30, Morgan begins to doubt the accuracy of her visions and her intuition due to the new relationship between Eden and Mike. Pip bestows a gift of orange lipstick upon Morgan as thanks for giving him a makeover, and Morgan warns herself to stay away from him since her attraction is caused by fairy magic, even as she is touched by the gesture. When Morgan asks if he really does not mind going back, Pip is glad she is not giving up, and she admits her vision could be off and she cannot give up with Cam depending on her. Morgan encourages Pip to invite a date to the party, but when he mentions that several girls have already invited him, she retracts her advice, fearing this is what will make their plan fail; however, Pip promises he will go to Otherworld in Cam's place. Sierra Martin passes Morgan in the hallway, flaunting her acceptance letter from Harvard, and Morgan begins to believe Pip is right about not allowing her visions to dictate her life.

In Chapter 31, Cam tells Morgan that he quit the football team because he is too weak to play. His friends are angry that he let them down because Morgan is the only one who can see the changes he is undergoing, and she assures him that she will love him regardless. Morgan tells Cam that football is not the only thing in life, fearing that he will be the reason her plan fails, and Cam begins to regain his spirit as he agrees to find something else. The only problem is figuring out what his new body is good for. In Chapter 32, Pip joins Morgan as she sits on her porch, searching magazines for inspirational stories to improve Cam's mood. When Morgan realizes Pip is making a large sacrifice by agreeing to go to Otherworld since he is human and capable of love, he protests he is not interested in love since it seems to involve so much pain; however, he believes Morgan and Cam are better people for loving one another. Reminding Morgan that Cam was not expected to survive his childhood, Pip suggests that his recovery was influenced largely by Morgan. Before Pip leaves, he tells Morgan that he has a date with Sara Phillips, leaving Morgan feeling irritated and uninspired.

Section 10: Chapters 30-32 Analysis

In Chapter 30, Morgan loses concentration when Pip tells her not to give up again throughout the period. Realizing she was wrong about Mike, she wonders if she was wrong about Pip too. She is confused when she sees Eden and Mike making out in the hallway; though she never actually envisioned Mike was gay, her intuition screamed he was and her intuition is usually as correct as her visions. Running into Pip, Morgan complains people are too happy today, and he presents her with a gift, orange lipstick that reminds him of the sunset in Otherworld, as thanks for helping him this weekend. A voice in Morgan's head warns her to stay away from Pip because her attraction is caused by fairy magic. Though she is trying to be cold to him, Morgan cannot help but be touched by the gesture as Pip explains he misses sunset in Otherworld the most. Pip



is glad that Morgan is not giving up when she confesses her vision could be wrong. Plus, she cannot give up when Cam is depending on her. Morgan again encourages Pip to ask a girl to the party, advising him to be confident, and Pip decides he will just ask one of the girls who asked him this morning. Assuming Dawn must have made Pip irresistible, Morgan believes this is what will doom their plan, and though he seems trustworthy, she knows people do all kinds of crazy things for love. When she suggests maybe he should not ask a date, Pip promises he will go to Otherworld on Friday night. A squeal and a stampede of girls coming from the guidance counselor's office is led by Sierra Martin who sneers as she passes Morgan and shows off her acceptance letter from Harvard; this serves to cast further doubt on the accuracy of Morgan's visions. Pip reminds Morgan that she should not let her visions dictate how she lives her life, and Morgan believes he is right for the first time, foreshadowing the continuance of their plan.

In Chapter 31, Morgan invites some freshmen to the party last minute. It feels good to think about the present instead of obsessing about the future. She finds Cam by her locker, looking expressionless, and he tells her he is not at practice because he can barely throw the ball ten feet, but no one seems to be able to see his differences except Morgan. The football team is angry he is letting them down, but Cam cannot explain he cannot play because he is a fairy, so he quit. When Cam shows her his pointy ears, Morgan claims they are cute and assures him the plan will work and they will be together; she will love him no matter what. Cam's face is darker than she has ever seen it, and she cannot stop him from spiraling downward. Cam says he does not know if he can do this, but Morgan insists Cam Browne can do anything, causing Cam to object that was the old Cam. When Morgan reminds him that football is not the only thing in life, Cam laments that his body is no longer good for anything except being a fairy. Realizing Cam might be the reason the plan fails, Morgan asks if he wants to leave her, and he says he does not think he has a choice. He knows he will be miserable there, but he will be miserable here too, so what is the difference. Morgan reminds him he will have her here, and the gleam returns to Cam's eyes as he agrees football is not the only thing in life. He just has to figure out what he can do now, he adds dejectedly.

In Chapter 32, Morgan spends the evening on the porch, flipping through magazines and looking for inspirational stories to inspire Cam while he is out on his first fairy assignment. Pip joins Morgan and offers to help, but Morgan is conflicted between being happy to see him and anxious for him to leave because of the fairy magic making her attracted to him. Morgan is amused by Pip's childlike innocence as he laughs at a lame joke in one of the magazines and by his excitement when he locates an inspirational story. Pip announces he would like to do something else for Cam, but Morgan insists he is doing enough as she realizes Pip is human and capable of love. However, Pip protests he is not interested in love because it seems to involve a lot of pain. Morgan agrees, pondering if she would be better off without love, but Pip insists she and Cam are both better people because of their love for one another. Reminding Morgan that the fairies did not expect Cam to live to adulthood, Pip suggests that Morgan had a lot to do with Cam's recovery, and though she thinks the idea is ridiculous, she notes that it seems unfair for Massif to take Cam from her, rather than thank her. Pip does not believe Massif would care so much about Cam if Azizi had not



died. Admitting Cam would make a great king, Morgan thinks to herself "but only if I could be his queen" (p. 164). Morgan is sad when Pip announces he has to leave, but she is happy he is looking out for her. She forces a smile as he confesses he is courting a girl from school, but her annoyance grows when she learns he is going on a date with Sara Phillips. Unable to believe that Sara Phillips would like Pip, Morgan is certain fairy magic is at play here. Though she wants to warn Pip to avoid Sara, she knows she should encourage him to have fun since he will soon return to Otherworld where love is impossible. As Pip leaves her with the pile of magazines, Morgan wonders why she suddenly feels so uninspired.



Section 11: Chapters 33-35

Section 11: Chapters 33-35 Summary

In Chapter 33, Morgan's mom is dazed on Tuesday because Gracie Nelson's cancer has completely disappeared, and when Morgan sees Cam smiling, she assumes he received the inspirational stories she put in his mailbox. She begins to panic when she learns that Pip did not return from his date, but Cam assures her that Pip is fine. As they head toward school, Morgan notices that her collage is still in Cam's mailbox, causing her to wonder why he is so happy. In Chapter 34, Cam hints that he has found his next thing, though he refuses to tell Morgan why he is so happy. When she hears her peers talking about Pip being in a fight, she rushes toward the fight where she finds Scab beating Pip mercilessly, obviously jealous because of Sara Phillips. Scab hits Morgan in the face during the scuffle, and when he claims Pip is a loser, Morgan tells Pip to throw a football to John Vaughn, demonstrating his perfect skill and shocking the students into silence. In Chapter 35, Scab is taken to the principal's office while Morgan examines Pip's wounds, again attracted to his perfect body. When she notes scars on his back, Pip does not want to talk about it at first, but he confesses he lied about being in love. Once, he was in love with a fairy in Otherworld, and he took the punishment for her when she killed another fairy and was incarcerated for two years. After he was released, the fairies would not talk to him, including the fairy he loved, but Pip blames himself for thinking he could change her when he knew fairies are incapable of love. When Morgan asks why he would agree to return to Otherworld, Pip explains he knows what it is like to lose someone you love. Realizing it will be worse for Pip if he goes back, Morgan realizes she cannot do this or she will hate herself forever, but Pip reminds her that she wants to be with Cam more than anything and there is no way to keep them both here; he is prepared to return to Otherworld "because when two people love each other, nothing should stand in their way" (p. 179). Wishing Pip was not so sweet, Morgan feels like two halves of herself are being pulled apart.

Section 11: Chapters 33-35 Analysis

In Chapter 33, Morgan is confused when she goes downstairs on Tuesday morning to find her mom in a daze, but Mom explains Mrs. Nelson is bringing Gracie home today because her cancer is completely gone; it is a miracle. She points to Cam outside who is smiling more than he has in a while, so Morgan assumes he obviously got her collage of inspirational stories from the mailbox. When Mom notes that Cam looks healthy, Morgan is bewildered that she is the only one who can see his obvious changes. As she nears Cam, he looks better and more rested, and he pulls her to him, saying "one, two, three". When Morgan asks why he is so happy, Cam jokes that his mail-order bride passed through customs, but Morgan panics when she learns Pip did not come home last night because the plan depends on Pip. Cam assures her Pip is fine. As he hugs her again, Morgan notices her collage is still in the mailbox and wonders why Cam is so happy. In Chapter 34, Cam will not reveal the source of his happiness, insisting it is a



fairy thing but hinting that he has found his next thing. As Morgan heads to her locker, she overhears students talking about the new kid being in a fight so she rushes to the center of the fight to find Pip prone on the ground as Scab kicks him. She grabs Scab's arm, knowing he will not hurt her because Cam will kill him, but Scab bloodies her face. Morgan drags Pip away, and Scab looks shocked to see her bleeding. When she asks if this is about Sara, Scab says it is because Pip is a loser who cannot even fight. Helping Pip to his feet, Morgan grabs a football from John Vaughn and tells him to go long. Everyone, including Scab, is silently shocked as Pip throws the ball to John perfectly.

In Chapter 35, the mob disperses when teachers arrive, and Scab is taken to the principal's office. Morgan feels guilty she did not warn Pip about Scab's crush on Sara, but she never he would do this. Examining the marks on Pip's chest and stomach, Morgan notices his perfect abs again. Morgan finds scars on Pip's back, causing him to confess that he was in love once in Otherworld, and he accepted the fairy's punishment for killing another fairy. She would not speak to him after he was released from prison, but Pip blames himself because he knew fairies were incapable of love; this shows Pip's selfless nature while simultaneously reinforcing the repeated idea that fairies are incapable of love. Pip's sacrifice is further exemplified when he tells Morgan he is willing to return to Otherworld because he knows what it is like to lose someone you love, hinting that he does not want Morgan to suffer as he has. Morgan objects to sending Pip back to Otherworld to be tortured, but he refuses to let her lose Cam because she and Cam love one another so much. Morgan feels she is being ripped in half, indicating that she is coming to care deeply for Pip and foreshadowing her decision to save Pip instead of Cam.



Section 12: Chapters 36-39

Section 12: Chapters 36-39 Summary

In Chapter 36, Cam is upset that Scab hurt Morgan and Pip, but he cannot do anything about it. When Morgan wonders why no one else notices Cam is getting smaller, Pip explains that Massif bespelled Cam so humans would not see the difference, and Morgan realizes she can see through the spell because she is psychic. Pip explains that Massif will also cast a spell when Cam leaves so humans will forget he ever existed; Pip was sent to take Cam's place so this is why Morgan is dreaming of Pip since he is meant to be her replacement boyfriend. Pip is unsure if the spell will work on Morgan or if she will remember him if their plan goes right. Pip is happy that Morgan is taking control of her destiny instead of following her visions, but she knows that is impossible since she is no longer certain of what she wants. In Chapter 37, Morgan's mom invites Pip to stay for dinner after she picks them up from school, and Morgan's parents are intrigued by Pip's ability to speak Italian. When Morgan asks Pip about his date with Sara, she is annoyed by his vague answer, becoming jealous as she continues to think of how Pip acted on his date. She reminds herself that Cam is staying with her, but she still wants to share a secret glance with Pip, feeling guilty for the desire.

In Chapter 38, Cam assures Morgan that he is not having second thoughts about staying with her, so she decides she is not having second thoughts either. When Morgan mentions that Pip was sent to be her replacement boyfriend, Cam suggests Pip was supposed to be in his place all along, but he agrees that it does not matter since he is not leaving. Cam asks if Morgan envisioned her plan working out, and she lies and says yes. He warns her not to provoke Dawn because he is unsure Dawn will obey his order forbidding her to hurt Morgan, but he insists Dawn is not bad; she is just following Massif's orders. As Morgan returns to her house, she sees Gracie run into Cam's arms, and she suddenly realizes why he has been so happy. In Chapter 39, Morgan sits with Eden at the pep rally, listening to talk about Scab and Cam leaving the football team. When Eden offers to meet her in the parking lot before tonight's game, Morgan is appalled at the idea of going to the game when Cam just quit. Pip is announced as the new starting quarterback, and Morgan is jealous as he kisses Sara. She is surprised to see Cam cheering with the crowd, noting that he has obviously moved on to his next thing.

Section 12: Chapters 36-39 Analysis

In Chapter 36, Morgan texts Cam from the nurse's office, and though he is upset that Scab hurt her and Pip, he cannot fight Scab who now outweighs him by a hundred pounds. As Nurse Jean, who is in love with Cam, talks to him about his diet, Morgan asks Pip why no one else can see Cam's changes, and Pip explains that Massif put a spell on Cam so humans would not see the changes and discriminate against Cam. He is concerned that Morgan can see the difference, and when she suggests it is because



she is psychic, he names her an enchantress, the word for females with magical powers in Otherworld. When Pip explains that Massif will also cast a spell so that humans will forget Cam ever existed, he admits he was sent to take Cam's place, and Morgan realizes this is why she is dreaming about Pip: he is meant to take Cam's place as her boyfriend. When Morgan wonders if the forgetting spell will work on her, Pip guesses she might remember some things but not everything. He does not know if she will remember him if their plan works, but Morgan hopes she will because it will serve her right to know he is being tortured in Otherworld because of her. Pip asks if she has tried envisioning the plan and is happy she is taking control of her own destiny, but Morgan thinks that is only possible if one knows what they want. She thought she did but is no longer sure. In Chapter 37, Mom does not arrive to pick up Morgan and Pip until 2 P.M. because she is busy grocery shopping. Spending the time watching Pip sleep, Morgan worries that he is destined for punishment in Otherworld. When Mom invites Pip to stay for dinner, Morgan is glad he will have a great meal on one of his last nights on Earth. She is intrigued as he converses in Italian with her parents, and Pip explains that he had to learn all the languages in Otherworld. Morgan finally gets a chance to ask Pip about his date with Sara, but his vague response irritates her, probably because he is supposed to be her replacement boyfriend. As he cleans up after dinner, Morgan wonders how Pip acted on his date with Sara, and her stomach knots as she wonders whether he wanted to kiss her. She reminds herself it makes no difference because Pip is returning to Otherworld and Cam will stay with her. She gazes at Pip, wanting him to share a secret look with her, but he does not glance her way, and she feels guilty for even wanting him to as this indicates her growing feelings for Pip.

In Chapter 38, Cam shows Morgan his suit for the party on Wednesday night, but since it no longer fits, he suggests letting Pip wear it. He assures Morgan he is not having second thoughts about staying with her, so she convinces herself she is not either, indicating that she is since she has to convince herself. She is surprised when Cam tells her Pip is the new quarterback, and Sara is inside teaching him the rules now. Morgan knows she should be happy, but she is jealous. Cam is indifferent when she mentions that Pip is supposed to be her replacement boyfriend, claiming "maybe he was meant to be in my place all along" (p. 192). Morgan objects that she loves Cam, and he agrees that it makes no difference because he is staying with her. Morgan lies when Cam asks again if she envisioned everything working out, and then, he warns her to be good because he is not sure Dawn will heed his order not to hurt Morgan. Morgan does not understand why Cam continues to defend Dawn, but he insists she is just following Massif's orders. They kiss, and as Morgan walks across the yard to her house, she notices Mrs. Nelson and Gracie crossing the street. She is surprised when Gracie runs into Cam's arms because he does not know them that well. Gracie touches Cam's shoulder blades, and they both laugh as Mrs. Nelson smiles and sobs at the same time. Morgan suddenly realizes what Cam's assignments are; he healed Gracie of her cancer. In Chapter 39, Eden saves Morgan a seat at the pep rally, and when Morgan notes Cam sitting a few rows in front of her with Dawn, she expects him to cry since he is not wearing his football jersey. Eden asks if Cam has talked to Scab, noting it is sad since they were best friends. As the pep rally begins, she asks if Cam was really kicked off the football team, and Morgan objects that he quit. Eden also asks about Pip taking Cam's place, but Morgan thinks not with her. As she watches Sara cheering on the sidelines,



Eden asks if she wants to meet in the parking lot for the game tonight, and Morgan is appalled at the idea of going to the game when her boyfriend was just disgraced into quitting the team, thinking she needs to support him by boycotting the game too. As Eden starts with her move on speech, Morgan is about to tell her it is easier said than done when they announce Pip as the new starting quarterback. The crowd applauds, and Morgan barely recognizes Pip as he shuffles to the center of the gym, and even Eden comments on how hot Pip is. When the cheerleaders surround Pip, he and Sara smile and laugh, and Morgan does not think she has ever heard him laugh before. As Pip kisses Sara, Morgan looks at Cam, surprised that he is on his feet cheering. He said he moved on to the next thing, so maybe he has found a new hobby, or maybe it is much more.



Section 13: Chapters 40-42

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In Chapter 40, Morgan hears the cheers at the football game as she studies for English, and she is surprised when Pip visits her to talk about tomorrow. When Pip mentions that Morgan is probably immune to the fairies' spells since she can see Dawn as well as Cam's changing form, she panics at the idea that her feelings for Pip are real, especially when he assures her that fairies cannot make someone believe they are in love since fairies do not understand love. Morgan refuses to tell Pip what thoughts she has been having that for which she thought the fairies were responsible. Pip also tells Morgan that after Cam's sixteenth birthday, Massif's spell will break, allowing everyone to see Cam as he really is. Pip worries that Dawn will hurt Morgan if she learns of their plan, and though he still thinks they should go through with it, he wants Morgan to be safe. He believes Cam will be happy here without his powers because he will still have Morgan, but Morgan worries that Cam will not have her if Dawn kills her. After Pip leaves, Morgan thinks she sees a pink aura on the porch out of the corner of her eye, but it is gone by the time she turns to face it, and she feels it is going to be a long night.

In Chapter 41, Morgan wakes on October 15th, and realizing that one of the men of her dreams will be gone forever in less than fourteen hours, she "can only hope that when it's all over, [she's] more relieved than sad" (p. 208). In the kitchen, she finds Cam holding a bouquet of chocolate roses, and when he wishes her a happy birthday, she feels guilty and wants to hide in her room, away from Cam, Pip and her divided feelings. Since Morgan's mom urges her to give Cam his gift, she presents it, explaining that her parents chipped in and they bought it before. The gift is a wristwatch which Cam has wanted forever, but now, Morgan is not sure he will use it. When Cam tries it on and it falls off, Morgan's mom is confused since she cannot see how much smaller he has gotten. Part of Morgan wishes she could see the old Cam, even if it was not real. Morgan is no longer looking forward to her party because she must choose between losing Cam or Pip. As Cam takes her hand in his small one, Morgan realizes his body is made for one purpose and he will not even have that after tonight if all goes as planned. In Chapter 42, Pip looks tired the next day, and Morgan realizes he was watching over her during the night. He also checks in on her continuously through the day. As they walk home, Cam asks if Morgan is nervous about the plan, and he lies that he is not nervous about the future. As they pass Gracie playing in a puddle, Cam admits he healed her by talking to her. When Morgan points out that he will lose his powers, Cam insists he will not be miserable since he will still be with her. Everything seems right as they kiss, but Morgan fears that this is their last kiss.

Section 13: Chapters 40-42 Analysis

In Chapter 40, Morgan can hear the cheers from the football stadium as she sits on the porch trying to study for English class. She assumes Pip won the game and Sara gave



him a congratulatory kiss. When a voice asks if she is alright, she expects Cam but looks up to see Pip who wants to talk to her about tomorrow. Squelching the desire to hear him say he missed her, Morgan asks if he is ready, and he answers affirmatively. She is anxious for the whole thing to be over because Dawn is making her feel things that are unreal. Morgan panics when Pip tells her she is likely immune to all of the fairies' spells, and her anxiety increases when he tells her that fairies cannot cause people to believe they are in love since fairies do not understand love; this means Morgan's feelings for Pip are real and foreshadows her decision to give up Cam to Otherworld. Feeling evil, Morgan is unable to look at Pip. Pip suspects that Dawn knows about their plan because he overheard her telling Cam that Massif will kill her if she fails to deliver him to Otherworld, and he fears she will hurt Morgan since she is the only reason Cam wants to stay in this world. Though Morgan argues Cam will kill Dawn if she harms her, Pip doubts Massif will allow Cam to hurt Dawn because he wants their kingdoms united. After Pip tells her that Massif's spell will break after Cam's sixteenth birthday, allowing everyone to see Cam as he is, plus he will lose his fairy powers, Morgan realizes Cam is happy because he found his next thing, a way to be useful, and it would be crazy for him to give that up for her. Pip still thinks they should go through with their plan, but he wants Morgan to be safe, indicating that he has feelings for her. She wants everyone to be happy, yet it seems that someone will suffer no matter what. Putting his arm around Morgan since she is trembling, Pip asks what thoughts she suspected the fairies of fabricating, but she avoids the question by asking if Pip believes Cam can still be happy here. Pip answers yes because Cam will still have Morgan, regardless of the physical changes he undergoes and whether the other humans are cruel to him. As Morgan worries Cam will not have her if Dawn kills her, Pip warns her to be careful and keep her windows closed before leaving. Pip's warning foreshadows Dawn threatening Morgan. Morgan's fear of Dawn and paranoia are evidenced when she believes she sees Dawn out of the corner of her eye after Pip leaves, but no one is in sight when she turns.

In Chapter 41, Morgan dreams of him so she feels safe as though he is with her; she does not specify whether she dreams of Cam or Pip so this vagueness reemphasizes her conflicted thoughts and emotions concerning the two. October 15th is her sweet sixteen when she becomes a woman, but she had hoped womanhood would bring wisdom. Morgan knows she will soon have to make a decision between Cam and Pip, and her only hope is that she will be more relieved than sad once it is all over. Morgan feels guilty about her divided feelings as Cam gives her a birthday present, and she is distressed that his gift no longer fits since he has gotten so much smaller. Morgan wishes she could see Cam as others do, even though it would be a lie. Mom gives Morgan a corny birthday card; Morgan does not get a car since she will not get her license for another year and she chose a big party instead because it seemed like a great idea with Cam going in on it, but now it does not seem like such a fantastic way to celebrate. Now, it sounds scary because she must choose between losing Cam forever or sending Pip to be tortured and ridiculed. The thought that Cam's body will not be good for its only purpose if everything goes right tonight makes Morgan feel sad and vulnerable.



In Chapter 42, as Morgan tells Pip she barely slept for fear Dawn would kill her, she notices his eyes are red and realizes he was watching over her because he wants her to be safe. Pip spends the day checking on Morgan every chance he gets which is a good thing since her brain is so scattered she would make an easy target for Dawn. When Cam asks Morgan what is wrong as he walks her home, she lies that she is nervous about the party. He asks if she is nervous about the plan, promising that he and Pip will do their best to protect her but warning that Dawn is stronger than he is until he inherits his full power at midnight so the plan will be aborted if Morgan is in danger, showing he cares about her more than he cares about staying in her world. Morgan asks if Cam is worried about the future, and when he claims he does not care about that, she knows he is lying because she still knows him, despite his recent changes. As Cam shows Morgan the blisters on his hands from contact with the rain, she wonders how he will live in this world. She notices Gracie playing in a puddle and asks if Cam is her fairy godfather, so he explains all he had to do was talk to her and she was healed. Morgan points out that he will lose his powers and be miserable if he stays here, but he insists he will have her. Admitting that he will be upset if Massif kills Dawn because he cares about her, Cam insists that he loves Morgan and does not want to leave her. As Morgan kisses Cam, everything seems right, but she cannot shake the feeling that this is their last kiss.



Section 14: Chapters 43-45

Section 14: Chapters 43-45 Summary

In Chapter 43, Morgan cries as she does her makeup for the party, and hurrying to the gazebo in the garden, she bursts into tears, wondering if she mentioned Gracie because she wants Cam to be happy and fears he will be miserable if he stays with her. She feels selfish because she does not want to lose him, even knowing he will be miserable. Pip joins her, hugging her as he asks why she is crying. When Morgan explains she fears Cam will not be happy if he stays but she cannot stand to lose him, Pip agrees to help her convince Cam to stay. Morgan suggests Pip should stop worrying about others want because what he wants also matters, but he objects that he does not matter in Otherworld. Morgan leans in to kiss Pip, but her mother interrupts, saying it is time to leave for the party.

In Chapter 44, Morgan runs to the bathroom at the Green Toad to fix her makeup, realizing the shock on her face is due to wanting to kiss Pip and finally acknowledging that she is attracted to him. As she finishes her makeup, Dawn enters, claiming Cam will go to Otherworld tonight with or without Morgan's help and threatening to let nothing stand in her way. She tells Morgan that Pip has always been infatuated with her and used to watch her from Otherworld and wish he were in Cam's place. Though Dawn promised Cam she would not kill Morgan, she reminds Morgan that humans have weaknesses that fairies do not which will allow her to make Morgan regret every day she has on earth. Saying she is glad they had this talk, Dawn exits the bathroom, leaving Morgan shaky and breathless. In Chapter 45, Morgan waits in the bathroom until guests arrive, trying to avoid Cam, Pip, and Dawn. Two senior girls enter, talking about how Sierra got caught cheating on her calculus exam and has been expelled. Morgan realizes her visions are always right, so Pip is staying with her and Cam is going to Otherworld, as it is meant to be. For the first time, she thinks that maybe everything will be alright, and she steps out of the bathroom, telling herself it is "time to take control of [her] destiny" (p. 229).

Section 14: Chapters 43-45 Analysis

In Chapter 43, Morgan finds it difficult to fix her makeup for the party since she cannot stop crying. This night is nothing like she imagined it. Grabbing her shawl, she hurries through the garden to the gazebo, bursting into tears as she asks herself why she mentioned Gracie, forcing Cam to have second thoughts and think about how miserable he will be. She knows Cam will be miserable if he stays with her, so maybe she brought it up because, above all, she wants him to be happy. However, she still does not want Cam to leave her and this makes her question if she is being selfish. Morgan gulps as Pip's tall form joins her, and when he takes her in his arms, she inhales the scent that used to belong to Cam, reiterating this idea that Pip is taking Cam's place. Pip finally pulls back, wishes her a happy birthday and asks why she is crying. Morgan explains



that sometimes she feels Cam will only be happy if he leaves her, but she cannot go on without him, though he might be fine without her. She asks Pip to help her convince Cam to stay, and he agrees to do whatever she says for true love. Morgan is agitated that Pip never thinks of himself, but he does not know how since he never mattered in Otherworld. Protesting she has never met someone so selfless, Morgan finds herself drawn to him, but as she moves to meet his lips, her mother rushes in, greeting Pip and hurrying Morgan along because it is time for the party. Gazing at Morgan, Pip mouths "it's okay" (p. 220), but she has a hard time believing that is true.

In Chapter 44, as the deejay sets up and Gizelle mills around setting things up, Morgan rushes in the bathroom to fix her makeup and to get some time alone. In the mirror, she notes the shock and trauma on her face, realizing it is because this is the first time in her life she has wanted to kiss someone besides Cam. She wonders if it was retaliation at Cam for thinking about leaving her, but she knows she is really attracted to Pip which is not a good thing. Morgan fixes her makeup, finally looking gorgeous though she still feels horrible. Matters worsen when Dawn enters the bathroom, and though Morgan wants to point out that she was not invited, Pip's fear rubs off on her as she thinks that Dawn can still kill her. When Morgan notes Dawn must be happy since she gets Cam tonight, she scowls evilly, agreeing she will get him with or without Morgan's help. He has no reason to stay here, but she cannot take any chances of failing, "even if it means removing certain possibilities" (p. 223). Cam still believes he has a reason to stay, but Morgan is only human and no match for the fairies. Feeling jealous, Morgan insists Cam really wants to go to Otherworld, but Dawn does not believe her because Pip is on the balcony, trying to coax Cam to stay. She believes Morgan put him up to it since he has been infatuated with her forever, watching her from Otherworld and wishing to be in Cam's place, but Dawn knows that even Morgan would not want Pip. When Morgan objects, Dawn asks why she is planning to send him to Otherworld in Cam's place. Dawn will not kill Morgan because she promised Cam, but there are other ways because humans have weaknesses that fairies do not which will help her make Cam king and make Morgan regret every day she has on earth. Morgan waits for Dawn to maim her, but instead, the fairy says she is glad they talked and leaves. Shaking, Morgan can barely breathe. In Chapter 45, Morgan learns that Sierra has been expelled, meaning she will not go to Harvard. Morgan accepts that her visions are always right which means Pip will stay with her. Her reflection appears unsure; she never looked so pathetic before faced with the possibility of losing Cam. She also never questioned her feelings, but now she knows Pip is staying with her and Cam is going to be king of Otherworld because that is the way it is supposed to be.



Section 15: Chapters 46-49

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In Chapter 46, Morgan exits the bathroom to find Eden distraught because Mike broke up with her, so she tells her best friend that John Vaughn likes her and encourages them to dance. Morgan tells Cam they need to talk, but since her mother interrupts because it is time to take pictures, Morgan and Cam agree to meet on the back balcony at 11:30 P.M., though Morgan is unsure thirty minutes will be long enough to figure things out. In Chapter 47, Morgan takes pictures and greets her guests before going to the buffet table where she is bombarded by Pip. Pip insists Cam wants to be with Morgan when Morgan suggests that Cam is meant to be in Otherworld, and he chides her for letting her visions guide her. As Morgan dances with Pip, she is undeniably drawn to him, and asking why he wants to leave her, she runs to the balcony in tears. Pip follows, confessing that he has always had thoughts about Morgan, but when he kisses her, a black cloud nearly covers them. Pip pulls her away, blaming Dawn for the cloud and apologizing for kissing Morgan. Morgan asks Pip "why don't you tell me what you want, for once" (p. 239). Just as Morgan confesses that she loves Pip, realizing it is true as she says it, Cam appears on the balcony.

In Chapter 48, ivy snakes around Pip's neck, choking him, as Cam approaches, and Cam orders Dawn to stop. Dawn appears, agreeing to release Pip if Cam agrees to go to Otherworld. He scowls and looks at Morgan who nods, so Cam agrees to go with Dawn. Dawn used Pip against Morgan because she sees love as humans' greatest weakness. After healing Pip, Cam tells Morgan that he does not mind her being with Pip because this is the way it was always supposed to be. Cam has always yearned for his home in Otherworld, but he would not have left as long as Morgan wanted him with her. Morgan tells Cam she still loves him, and he loves her too, "no matter what world I'm in" (p. 244). As they kiss, Morgan cries so hard that her body heaves with each breath. Cam must leave now, and Morgan promises she will always remember him, though they say she will not. After telling Morgan he left her a birthday present at home, Cam lets go of her hand and fades slowly into the air which envelopes him. In Chapter 49, Morgan wakes with vague memories of the previous night. On her nightstand, she finds a solid gold fortune cookie on a chain with the message "Morgan Sparks can do anything" (p. 247), and the back reveals her lucky numbers are 1-2-3. Though Morgan does not understand what this means, she feels there is a deeper meaning. Fastening the necklace, Morgan runs downstairs and kisses Pip who asks who gave her the necklace. At his question, Morgan suddenly remembers Cam, but Pip claims she has been reading too many fantasy books; however, Morgan remembers the feeling she had with Cam, if not their actual history. Morgan knows the way she felt when they were together was real, as if she could do anything, and that feeling is still with her because Cam is looking out for her.



Section 15: Chapters 46-49 Analysis

In Chapter 46, Eden is the first to greet Morgan when she exits the bathroom, but she looks a mess, asking why Morgan did not tell her. Morgan cannot tell if Mike broke up with Eden or if she caught him with another guy, but she knows she was right again. Morgan comforts Eden and tells her John Vaughn likes her, leading her to John and encouraging them to dance. Cam smiles nervously at Morgan, and she tells him they need to talk. Her mom interrupts to tell Morgan they need to take pictures now, so Cam mouths "back balcony. Eleven-thirty?". Morgan agrees but is unsure thirty minutes will be enough to sort this out. In Chapter 47, Morgan poses for pictures in every conceivable sweet sixteen pose and then thanks all of her guests for coming. As she finally reaches the buffet table, Pip approaches her, looking relaxed as he tells her everything is still on target for their plan. When Morgan objects that she may have been wrong and now thinks Cam is meant to be in Otherworld, Pip insists Cam wants to be with her. Morgan insists her visions are always right and her plan will fail, so they should give up before Dawn hurts someone. Pip chides her for letting her visions guide her again, but she does not know how to tell him what she wants. Thinking that Pip has never fought returning to his own personal hell despite what Dawn said about him being infatuated with her, Morgan wonders why he is so willing to leave her if he cares about her. Agreeing to dance with Pip, Morgan finds it hard to look him in the eye, and though she urges herself to have control, she tightens her grip, feeling as though she belongs here. Noticing Eden and John gawking at her, Morgan pulls back and reminds Pip he is leaving tonight, and when he claims they are only dancing, though it feels like more to her, Morgan asks why he wants to leave her and runs out to the balcony as she starts crying. Pip follows to ask if he did something wrong, but he refuses to go away when Morgan tells him to. Asking if the thoughts Morgan believe were fairy influenced were about him, Pip confesses he has thought about Morgan every night, even before he left Otherworld, and it seems she has always been in his head. Agreeing, Morgan feels like she has known Pip as long as, or longer than, Cam. When she again asks why he wants to leave, Pip's eyes are intense, unlike the controlled blaze between her and Cam. As he kisses her, Morgan notices a black cloud on the verge of covering them, and Pip pulls her away, claiming Dawn caused it. Shielding her under the eave, Pip apologizes for kissing Morgan, saying he will do whatever she wants. Morgan chides him for sacrificing himself, asking him to tell her what he wants for a change. She is angry that Pip will not admit he wants her, though she knows he is allowing himself to be taken advantage of because he wants her to be happy and he believes Cam makes her happy because she loves him. Morgan tells Pip she loves him, realizing it is true when she says it. He stares at her expressionlessly, and a small noise alerts them to Cam standing in the shadows, appearing small and vulnerable.

In Chapter 48, Morgan is unable to read Cam's expression for the first time as he nears her and Pip, but before she can speak, Pip moans as tendrils of ivy snake around his neck, choking him. As Pip and Morgan uselessly claw at it, Cam tells Dawn to stop, and while another tendril wraps around Pip's leg and drags him toward the side of the building, Morgan warns Cam there is not much time since Pip's face is going blank. Finally appearing, Dawn claims she promised not to hurt Morgan, but she never said



anything about Pip. Though Morgan agrees to do whatever Dawn wants if she lets Pip go, Cam has to agree. When Cam looks at Morgan, she nods, giving her assent to him leaving her forever. Morgan is afraid and relieved; she never thought she would hear those words, "but now I know it's meant to be" (p. 242). Releasing Pip, Dawn knew Morgan would sacrifice anything for Pip because love is humans' greatest weakness. Cam touches Pip, healing him, and Morgan notes Cam is even more beautiful as a fairy. Cam tells Morgan it is time for him to go, assuring her that he is alright with her and Pip because Pip was always supposed to have Cam's place. When Morgan argues that she still wants Cam with her, he tells her he is a fairy and part of him has always wanted to be in Otherworld; he has even dreamed about it because it is his home. Morgan is the only thing to keep him here, and he would not leave if she did not want him to, but he never doubted she would be fine without him. Morgan is about to debate that idea, but she realizes Cam is right. He tells her to stop doubting herself as she does not need him to do anything she wants and she never did. Morgan and Cam exchange vow of never-ending love before he leaves her to go to Otherworld. Morgan insists she will remember Cam, determined to overcome Massif's spell to make it as if Cam never existed. Cam fades into the air, entering the portal to Otherworld. In Chapter 49, Morgan wakes the next day, but the night before is a haze as her memories after Cam left are disjointed. Sitting up, she sees a little box on her nightstand and finds a solid gold fortune cookie on a chain. The hinge opens to reveal the message "Morgan Sparks can do anything" (p. 247) and she feels like it is true today. She is unable to remember yesterday's responsibilities, but she is sixteen today and the world seems full of possibilities.

The back of the message says that her lucky numbers are 1-2-3 and Morgan feels there is a deeper meaning there that she does not recognize, foreshadowing the fact that she will remember Cam. Putting the chain around her neck, Morgan runs downstairs to find Pip who she feels she has not seen in ages. Kissing him, she says she has wanted to do that for ages, but he reminds her that he saw her last night. When she shows him the necklace, Pip asks who gave it to her, and Morgan remembers the name in a glimmer, everything rushing back as she says Cam's name. She reminds Pip that Cam is in Otherworld, but he claims she is reading too many fantasy books, signaling that Massif's spell erased Cam from Pip's memory. Regardless, Morgan recalls how she felt when she was with Cam, as if she could do anything, and despite her fears that she would no longer be herself without Cam, she still feels that she can do anything because she knows Cam is watching after her.



Characters

Morgan Sparks

Morgan Sparks is the narrator and protagonist of "Fairy Tale." She is fifteen years old and an average-looking girl who happens to be psychic and to have a seemingly perfect boyfriend. Morgan is shocked when her boyfriend, Cam, seems to fly during his football game, and after he confesses he does not remember the play at all, Morgan has a vision which causes her to believe Cam is dying. The next day, Morgan meets Pip, a new kid at school and Cam gets Morgan out of class to tell her that he is a fairy. She also meets Dawn, Cam's guide to Otherworld where Cam must go on his sixteenth birthday to assume the throne. Lamenting the possibility of a life without Cam, Morgan decides to save him, turning to Pip to learn about fairies. She also gives Pip a makeover when the guys at school pick on him for his strange fashion sense. Morgan feels guilty when she begins fantasizing about Pip, reminding herself that she loves Cam and eventually coming to believe that her feelings for Pip are the result of fairy magic. Pip offers to help Morgan save Cam by returning to Otherworld in Cam's place, but Morgan panics when she envisions Pip being in New Jersey after he should be in Otherworld. Pip convinces Morgan that she should not let her visions dictate how she lives her life after several of her other visions seem to be incorrect.

Since Cam is upset that he has become too small to play football, Morgan encourages him to find his next thing. Pip starts dating Sara Phillips when Morgan encourages him to invite a girl to her and Cam's sixteenth birthday party, but this causes Scab to beat Pip up out of jealousy. Morgan steps in and demonstrates Pip's football skills, leading to Pip being named the team's starting quarterback in Cam's place. When Pip tells Morgan about being tortured in Otherworld, Morgan feels guilty for sending him back to be miserable, but she cannot bear the idea of life without Cam. Cam becomes happier after using his fairy magic to save the life of Gracie Nelson, a young neighbor, yet he assures Morgan he is not having second thoughts about staying with her. Pip worries Dawn will hurt Morgan if she interferes with Dawn's objective to convince Cam to go back to Otherworld. On the day of Morgan's birthday party, she is not excited because she must choose between losing Cam forever and sending Pip back to Otherworld to be tortured. While Morgan fixes her makeup at the Green Toad before her guests arrive, Dawn threatens her if she interferes with Cam leaving, and she also tells Morgan that Pip has always been infatuated with her. Morgan begins to believe Cam is meant to go to Otherworld after she learns that her other visions were correct after all. After arranging to meet Cam on the back balcony at 11:30 P.M., Morgan greets her guests and dances with Pip. As they dance, she asks why he wants to leave her before rushing to the balcony. Pip follows and admits he has always thought of Morgan, and she confesses that she loves Pip as Cam appears on the balcony. Dawn causes vines to wrap around Pip's neck, releasing him only after Cam agrees to accompany her to Otherworld. She knew Morgan would sacrifice anything for Pip because humans' greatest weakness is love. After healing Pip, Cam assures Morgan that he will always love her but this is how things are supposed to be, and then he enters the portal to Otherworld. The next day,



Morgan finds a fortune cookie necklace with the message that she can do anything. When Pip asks who gave it to her, Morgan remembers Cam and how she felt while they were together. She still feels like she can do anything and she knows that is because Cam is looking out for her.

Cameron Browne

Cameron Browne, AKA Cam, is Morgan's neighbor and her boyfriend since they were young children. He is the star quarterback at their high school, and the local newspaper praises his ability to do anything. After seeming to fly during the exhibition football game, Cam confesses to Morgan that he does not recall the play at all, leading her to believe he is dying. The next day, he is obviously anxious but jokes about picking up a mail order bride since he cannot walk Morgan to school. Cam convinces Scab to forge a note from the principal in order to get Morgan out of class so he can tell her that he is a fairy, and he begs her not to let them take him from her. Cam spends a majority of the novel studying with Dawn about how to be a fairy, but he often talks to Morgan, agreeing to abide by her plan if she can find a way to prevent him from going to Otherworld that does not endanger her.

Because Cam is upset that he has become too small to play football, Morgan encourages him to find his next thing. Cam becomes happier after using his fairy magic to save the life of Gracie Nelson, a young neighbor, yet he assures Morgan he is not having second thoughts about staying with her. Cam arrives on the balcony at the Green Toad in time to hear Morgan confess that she loves Pip, but when Dawn causes vines to wrap around Pip's neck, Cam agrees to go to Otherworld if she spares Pip. After healing Pip, Cam assures Morgan that he will always love her but this is how things are supposed to be, and then he enters the portal to Otherworld. Cam leaves a gold fortune cookie on a chain on Morgan's nightstand and she finds it the next day, remembering Cam and how she felt when they were together after Pip asks who gave her the necklace.

Pip Merriweather

Pip Merriweather is the Brownes' real son who returns from Otherworld a week before his sixteenth birthday to replace Cam who is needed to be king, as the sole heir in Otherworld. Because he was raised in Otherworld, Pip does not fit in with the students at J. P. Stevens High School. Pip meets Morgan on his first day of school when she helps him open his locker and directs him to geometry class. Lamenting the possibility of a life without Cam, Morgan decides to save him, turning to Pip to learn about fairies. She also gives Pip a makeover when the guys at school pick on him for his strange fashion sense. Pip offers to help Morgan save Cam by returning to Otherworld in Cam's place, but Morgan panics when she envisions Pip being in New Jersey after he should be in Otherworld. Pip convinces Morgan that she should not let her visions dictate how she lives her life after several of her other visions seem to be incorrect.



Pip starts dating Sara Phillips when Morgan encourages him to invite a girl to her and Cam's sixteenth birthday party, but this causes Scab to beat Pip up out of jealousy. Morgan steps in and demonstrates Pip's football skills, leading to Pip being named the team's starting quarterback in Cam's place. When Pip tells Morgan about being tortured in Otherworld, Morgan feels guilty for sending him back to be miserable, but she cannot bear the idea of life without Cam. Pip worries Dawn will hurt Morgan if she interferes with Dawn's objective to convince Cam to go back to Otherworld. As Pip and Morgan dance at the Green Toad during Morgan's sixteenth birthday party, she asks why he wants to leave her before rushing to the balcony. Pip follows and admits he has always thought of Morgan, and she confesses that she loves Pip as Cam appears on the balcony. Dawn causes vines to wrap around Pip's neck, releasing him only after Cam agrees to accompany her to Otherworld. The next day, Pip does not remember Cam and he acts as though he and Morgan have always been together.

Eden McCarthy

Eden McCarthy is Morgan's best friend who has a strong school spirit. She has a crush on Mike Kensington and refuses to believe that he is gay. At first, Eden makes fun of Pip, but she thinks he is hot after Morgan gives him a makeover and he becomes the school's starting quarterback in Cam's place. Eden eventually dates Mike Kensington, but she is devastated when he breaks up with her, so Morgan hooks her up with John Vaughn during her birthday party at the Green Toad.

Sierra Martin

Sierra Martin is a senior girl who is distraught when Morgan's vision shows her at the local community college because she has been bred for Harvard. She flaunts her acceptance letter to Harvard, making Morgan doubt the accuracy of her visions, but Sierra is expelled for cheating on her calculus exam.

Sara Phillips

Sara Phillips is a snobby cheerleader who Morgan seems to dislike. Scab has a crush on Sara, so when Pip takes her on a date, Scab beats Pip up.

Dawn

Dawn is the fairy who comes to New Jersey to take Cam back to Otherworld. She is Cam's guide, responsible for teaching him how to be a fairy, as well as his intended wife once he returns to Otherworld and becomes king. Dawn is forty-three years old, but since fairies live for thousands of years, she and Cam are actually very close in age. Knowing Massif will kill her if she fails to retrieve Cam from New Jersey, Dawn threatens to make Morgan miserable if she stands in the way of her objective. Dawn causes vines



to strangle Pip shortly before midnight on October 15th because she knows Morgan will do anything to save him since love is humans' greatest weakness.

Mike Kensington

Mike Kensington is the football player Eden has a crush on, although he is obviously gay. He dates Eden for a couple days and she is devastated when he breaks up with her.

Scab

Scab is a football player and Cam's best friend who has had a crush on Sara Phillips forever. Jealous, he beats Pip up after Pip takes Sara on a date.

Massif

Massif is the king of Otherworld and Cam's biological father. He sends Dawn to retrieve Cam after his eldest son dies, leaving Cam as the only true heir to the throne.

Gracie Nelson

Gracie Nelson is a young girl who lives across the street from Morgan and Cam. Diagnosed with cancer, the child is expected to die any day, but she miraculously recovers after Cam visits and talks to her because he is like a fairy godfather.

John Vaughn

John Vaughn is a football player with a crush on Eden and Morgan hooks them up at her sixteenth birthday party.

Gizelle

Gizelle is the manager of the Green Toad who flirts with Pip while finalizing plans for Morgan and Cam's joint party the weekend before the party. Pip is completely oblivious which makes Morgan want to tell Gizelle to back off.



Objects/Places

New Jersey

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Otherworld

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J. P. Stevens High School

J. P. Stevens High School is where Morgan, Cam, and Pip attend school. Much of the action occurs in the school, such as Morgan meeting Pip and learning that Cam is a fairy.

Parsonage Diner

The football team and fans celebrate at the Parsonage Diner after every win, and after the exhibition game, this is where Cam confesses to Morgan that he does not recall the final play of the game in which he seemed to fly. This is the first sign that something is wrong with Cam.

Green Toad

The Green Toad is a fancy restaurant in the city that Morgan and Cam's parents rent for their joint sixteenth birthday party. Morgan is very excited about the party at first, but after she learns of Cam's situation, she begins to see the day as doomed, the day she will lose Cam forever.

Tahiti Room

The Tahiti Room is the ballroom at the Green Toad. Morgan and Pip dance in the Tahiti Room while finalizing party plans the weekend before the party, but when the instructor pulls Morgan's leg around Pip's waist, Morgan pulls away, falls and injures her arm.



Taco Bell

Morgan takes Pip to Taco Bell to ask him about fairies and their weaknesses. Pip devours a lot of food while they are there.

Gap

Morgan takes Pip shopping at the Gap for new clothes to help him look like a normal kid from New Jersey.

Sparks' House

The Sparks' house is Morgan's family's home in New Jersey where a significant portion of the narrative occurs.

Brownes' House

Cam is raised in the Brownes' home in New Jersey, next door to Morgan's house and Pip lives with the Brownes once he returns from Otherworld.

One, Two, Three

"One, two, three" is Cam and Morgan's secret way of saying "I love you" which they come up with because they are together while most of their class is still in the cooties phase.

Fortune Cookie Necklace

The day after her sixteenth birthday party, Morgan finds a gift on her nightstand. It is a gold fortune cookie on a chain and the hinge opens to reveal the message "Morgan Sparks can do anything" (p. 247). The magic numbers on the back of the message are 1, 2, 3. When Pip asks who gave her the necklace, Morgan suddenly remembers Cam and how she felt when they were together, as if she could do anything. She knows the feeling was real, and it is still there because Cam is looking out for her.



Themes

Love

One of the most important themes in "Fairy Tale" is love as this concept drives much of the action in the novel. Morgan and Cam have been together since they were very young, and they use the secret code "one, two, three" to mean I love you since they were a couple while their classmates were still in the cooties stage. Morgan is distraught when she sees the grotesque vision of Cam's back, fearing he is dying and worrying she will lose him, but she is more upset when she learns he is a fairy and must leave her forever to become king of Otherworld. Though Pip and Dawn insist fairies are incapable of love, Cam loves Morgan, refusing to believe he is a fairy if they are incapable of love. Morgan plots to save Cam from going to Otherworld because she cannot imagine who she would be without him, and after confirming that Morgan believes Cam is her true love, Pip volunteers to return to Otherworld in Cam's place, seeing it as doing his part for true love.

Although Pip claims he wants nothing to do with love because it seems painful, he also believes Cam and Morgan are better people because of their love for one another. Eventually, he confesses that he was once in love with a fairy in Otherworld, and he even took her punishment for killing another fairy. She would not speak to him after he was released, but Pip blames himself for thinking he could change her when he knows fairies are incapable of love. In the bathroom at the Green Toad, Dawn tells Morgan that Pip has been infatuated with her since he was in Otherworld, watching her and wishing he were in Cam's place. At the party, Pip admits he has thought about Morgan since he was in Otherworld, and Morgan confesses that she loves Pip. Though Cam ultimately goes to Otherworld, he promises that he will always love Morgan. Morgan still loves Cam, as well, and the feeling she had when they were together, that she could do anything, does not leave her because she knows Cam is looking out for her.

Sacrifice

An important theme in "Fairy Tale" is sacrifice which occurs repeatedly throughout the novel in various facets, but it is mostly demonstrated by Pip and Cam as evidence of their love for Morgan. The largest example of sacrifice in this novel is when Pip offers to go to Otherworld in Cam's place. He sees this as doing his part for true love, but the extent of his sacrifice becomes even more obvious near the end of the novel when he admits to being infatuated with Morgan. Not only is he willing to submit to the fairies' torture in Otherworld, he is also willing to be separated from Morgan forever because he thinks this is what will make her happy, allowing her to be with Cam. Though Cam does not want to leave Morgan, he is unwilling to attempt any plan to save him if it puts her in danger. Pip admits that he was imprisoned for two years in Otherworld after taking the punishment for a fairy he loved who had killed another fairy.



Despite the fact that he is changing into a fairy and will be considered a freak, Cam is willing to undergo all of this humiliation and suffering in order to stay with Morgan because he loves her. Eventually, Cam agrees to go to Otherworld to save Pip's life, but he only agrees after Morgan approves of this arrangement. At first, Morgan shows her selfish side as she is willing for Cam to be miserable in New Jersey and for Pip to be tortured in Otherworld as long as Cam stays with her, but she finally changes her mind and is unable to bear the idea of Cam's misery and Pip's torture. She approves of Cam going to Otherworld with Dawn, though she still loves him. Morgan finally begins to accept that maybe this is the way things are meant to be and perhaps things will be alright after all. Cam accepts that Morgan loves Pip because this is how their lives were meant to be before the fairies intervened by switching Cam and Pip at birth.

Magic

Magic plays a predominate role in "Fairy Tale", both through the magic of the fairies as well as Morgan's psychic ability. Morgan's psychic ability is mentioned at the very beginning of the novel when she predicts that Sierra Martin will not attend Harvard, seeing her at community college. She also correctly predicts the score of the exhibition game. Morgan foresees that something is wrong with Cam's back, and this takes place the next day. When she foresees Pip staying in New Jersey, she is ready to give up on her plan to save Cam, but Pip convinces her that she should not let her visions guide her decisions. Morgan begins to doubt her visions when Sierra is accepted into Harvard; however, at the party, Morgan learns that Sierra was expelled for cheating on a calculus exam, and this causes her to realize that Pip is staying in New Jersey also.

Another aspect of the magic in this novel comes into play regarding fairy magic. Cam begins to transition into a fairy after Dawn and Pip arrive in New Jersey. He grows wings, gets shorter, weaker and loses weight, but these changes are invisible to most humans, Morgan being the only exception, due to a spell Massif cast so that Cam's changes would not be seen and humans would not discriminate against him. Dawn is able to use fairy magic to be invisible to humans, other than Morgan, and because of this, Morgan hopes she is immune to all fairy magic, including the spell Massif will cast after Cam goes to Otherworld to make humans forget he ever existed. Before this realization, Morgan believes Dawn is using fairy magic to make her attracted to Pip, but fairies cannot cast love spells because they do not understand love. She realizes Pip was sent to take Cam's place, even in Morgan's affections, because this is where he is meant to be since he was exchanged at birth with Cam because Cam was a changeling, a sickly fairy expected to die before adulthood. Cam's survival is a mystery, but Pip suggests it has to do with Morgan. As Cam learns to wield his fairy magic, he uses his abilities to heal Gracie Nelson of cancer, finding some happiness in his traumatic changes. At the party, Dawn chokes Pip with vines, releasing him only after Cam agrees to go to Otherworld. Before leaving through the portal, Cam uses magic to heal Pip. Cam also leaves a necklace for Morgan, and though Cam is gone, Morgan still feels like she can do anything because she knows Cam is looking out for her.



Style

Point of View

The point of view of "Fairy Tale" is the first person. This point of view is also limited and reliable which can be seen by the fact that Morgan, the narrator, is only privy to her own thoughts and emotions in addition to things she witnesses or is told. Morgan has a bit of an advantage over most limited narrators, though, because she is psychic and sometimes has visions of the future. This point of view is important to the novel as it allows the author to focus on Morgan's thoughts and reactions, maintaining suspense since the reader, like Morgan, does not know what will happen.

The distribution of exposition and dialogue is fairly equal, and this is helpful in the plot's development as it grants the reader access to Morgan's thoughts in addition to the conversations she has with Cam and Pip. These conversations are significant as they portray the two boys' thoughts as well as their relationships with Morgan. The viewpoint of this novel is told solely through Morgan's eyes.

Setting

"Fairy Tale" is set in the real world, specifically in New Jersey, during modern times, though it also refers to Otherworld where the fairies live and which is accessible through a magical portal. Morgan is a human, though she is psychic, and most of the other characters are human with the exceptions of Cam and Dawn who are fairies.

New Jersey is the main setting of "Fairy Tale" and this is where the action occurs. Morgan and Cam live next door to one another in New Jersey. Otherworld is the magic world where fairies live, but it can only be accessed through a portal on one's Day of Birth and Day of Becoming which occurs on one's sixteenth birthday. Dawn leaves Otherworld in order to retrieve Cam and leave Pip, the Brownes' real son, in his place. Morgan and Pip try to conspire to save Cam from leaving, but when Morgan falls in love with Pip, Cam goes to Otherworld to become king as he is the only true heir. J. P. Stevens High School is where Morgan, Cam and Pip attend school. Much of the action occurs in the school, such as Morgan meeting Pip and learning that Cam is a fairy. The football team and fans celebrate at the Parsonage Diner after ever win, and after the exhibition game, this is where Cam confesses to Morgan that he does not recall the final play of the game in which he seemed to fly. This is the first sign that something is wrong with Cam. The Green Toad is a fancy restaurant in the city that Morgan and Cam's parents rent for their joint sixteenth birthday party. Morgan is very excited about the party at first, but after she learns of Cam's situation, she begins to see the day as doomed, the day she will lose Cam forever. The Tahiti Room is the ballroom at the Green Toad. Morgan and Pip dance in the Tahiti Room while finalizing party plans the weekend before the party, but when the instructor pulls Morgan's leg around Pip's waist, Morgan pulls away, falls and injures her arm. Morgan takes Pip to Taco Bell to ask him



about fairies and their weaknesses, and Pip devours a lot of food while they are there. Morgan takes Pip shopping at the Gap for new clothes to help him look like a normal kid from New Jersey. The Sparks' house is Morgan's family's home in New Jersey where a significant portion of the narrative occurs. Cam is raised in the Brownes' home in New Jersey, next door to Morgan's house, and Pip lives with the Brownes once he returns from Otherworld.

Language and Meaning

The language used in this novel tends to be fairly casual and informal. The grammar is proper but conversational, making the book appropriate and accessible for young readers, its target audience. The language is familiar for teen readers, allowing them to associate with Morgan and the other characters in the novel. This common language aids comprehension as it mimics the way teenagers would talk amongst themselves, allowing Morgan to become a friend telling them her story.

The language used in "Fairy Tale" generically characterizes the modern American teenager and it specifically characterizes the characters in the novel, especially in regards to the differences between humans and fairies as well as Morgan's relationships with Cam and Pip. The distribution of exposition and dialogue is fairly equal, and this is helpful in the plot's development as it grants the reader access to Morgan's thoughts in addition to the conversations she has with Cam and Pip. These conversations are significant as they portray the two boys' thoughts as well as their relationships with Morgan. The commonly used language makes the novel and its events easy to understand for modern teens. Overall, the novel is easy to understand, it is often comical, and it portrays the emotional situations quite well.

Structure

"Fairy Tale" is comprised of 248 pages divided into 49 chapters. The chapters average five pages in length, and they are numbered rather than titled. The chapters tend to be quite short, but they are detailed as they describe events and Morgan's reactions to these events. Each chapter encompasses a short period of time as the entire book occurs over a span of just over a week.

"Fairy Tale" by Cyn Balog is an entertaining account of a modern day fairy tale, occurring in New Jersey where the characters are juniors in high school. When psychic, Morgan, finds out that her boyfriend, Cam, is really a fairy who was switched at birth with the Brownes' human son, Pip, she struggles to find a way to prevent Cam from leaving her and returning to his home in Otherworld to become king of the Seelie Court; however, as she gets to know Pip, who was sent to take Cam's place, Morgan begins to question her feelings. "Fairy Tale" is a story about the difficult decision this teenaged girl faces regarding true love and what is best for herself and the two boys she loves. The pace of this novel is fairly quick, and it is easy to read due to the author's use of modern, familiar language. The story is mostly linear, though it contains several

flashbacks to Morgan and Cam's past, providing background to the narrative. Overall, "Fairy Tale" is an entertaining and enjoyable read.



Quotes

"Sometimes this gift does suck. Some days, I have the pleasure of doling out good news- BMWs as graduation presents, aced finals, that sort of thing. Today, it's been nothing but total crap. And yes, it obviously must have come as a shock that I'd envisioned Sierra, whose parents had bred her for Harvard, walking to Physics 101 on the Middlesex Community College campus, but it's not my fault. I just deliver the mail; I don't write it" (Chapter 1, p. 2).

"I probably would be. If I could remember any of it" (Chapter 2, p. 15).

"I sigh, thinking of the girls at school. Most of them are going through hell for guys- playing weird head games like 'ignore him and he'll fall all over you' or seeing who can fit into the clothes with the biggest price tags and the smallest sizes. I've never been a part of that world, and I don't want to be. I want to be with Cam. That's the only thing about my life that makes sense" (Chapter 5, p. 27).

"Don't cry, don't scream, I tell myself. But my visions are always right" (Chapter 9, p. 45).

"A voice, a whisper. But not a sweet-nothings whisper; more of a subhuman hiss. 'Let... me... out'" (Chapter 10, p. 51).

"The word numbs my lips as it passes through them. Because what is Dawn, if she isn't human? And if humans can't see her, but Cam obviously can, what does that make him?" (Chapter 11, p. 55).

"I don't think it is possible for me to go back there. Cam is the only true heir, and they want him. They want me here. And it isn't wise to tell a fairy she's wrong" (Chapter 14, p. 73).

"We need to talk. If he really, truly is going to be leaving me forever on his sixteenth birthday, that gives us only a week. And I have no idea who I'll be then, because I've never had to define myself without him" (Chapter 16, p. 82).

"Marriage there is not like it is here. It's not about love. It's about uniting two powerful kingdoms" (Chapter 17, p. 88).

"I know it must sound pathetic, but everything about my life is woven to Cam's. Our interests, our circle of friends, our futures... everything is intertwined. We are two sides of a coin. And when one side ceases to exist, what happens to the other one?" (Chapter 18, p. 92).

"Whenever I think about this party now, I think about doom. And it became so much more real the second we arrived in the city and walked through the huge, arched doors to the Green Toad. A month ago, Cam and I were at this very place, choosing songs we



wanted the DJ to play, talking about what we'd wear, bursting with excitement. But now, there's a fifty-pound weight on my chest. The night of our sixteenth birthday is no longer party time. It's D-Day." (Chapter 22, p. 108).

"We have to be very quiet, or else. But I know a way to keep Cameron here with you." (Chapter 23, p. 120).

"Yes, you do. Me" (Chapter 25, p. 131).

"I look at it as doing my part, for true love" (Chapter 26, p. 133).

"Well, you just said we should give up. So basically, you'll be guaranteeing that your vision comes true" (Chapter 28, p. 142).

"Okay, so I'd never actually envisioned Mike playing for the other team. My intuition has always been just as brilliant as my psychic ability, which makes sense. And ever since I met Mike, my intuition has screamed, 'Gay!' So for me to be that off-base is...well, is something that has never happened before" (Chapter 30, p. 150).

"So, you see, you shouldn't let your visions dictate how you live your life" (Chapter 30, p. 154).

"You're doing enough. Seriously, I don't know if I thanked you for helping to keep us together...but thank you." (Chapter 32, p. 162).

"It's because I know what it's like to lose someone you love" (Chapter 35, p. 178).

"They really think that his own girlfriend, someone who's known him since birth, wouldn't notice the difference? They obviously don't know anything about love" (Chapter 36, p. 183).

"I think it means she's not going to let you stand in her way. No matter what Cameron says. She knows that you are the one thing that would make Cam stay in this world. If you're gone, he will have no reason to stay here." (Chapter 40, p. 203).

"I can remember those muscles in his arms, his powerful forearms, and those worn, big hands of his, but it's fuzzy now, which is sad, because I thought I'd know everything about him by heart forever. Part of me envies my mother's ignorance and wishes I could see the old Cam again, even if it isn't real" (Chapter 41, p. 210).

"Why did I bring up Gracie? Why did I push a confession out of him? If I didn't, he wouldn't be having any second thoughts; he'd just follow the plan. Now, he's thinking about how completely miserable he's going to be here, all because I had to bring it up. And the fact is, I know he's going to be miserable if he stays with me. I know it. And maybe I brought it up because above all, I want him to be happy. But I still don't want to be without him. I don't want Cam to leave me. Does that make me selfish?" (Chapter 43, p. 217).



"Everything is working against us. Sometimes I think he has to leave me, that that is the only way he'll be happy...We've been together since forever. He might be able to go on without me, but I know I can't do it. I can't be without him. He says I'm brave, but the truth is, I'm not. Without him, I'm not" (Chapter 43, p. 218).

"And I wonder who put him up to that? The answer is obvious. That slave has been infatuated with you forever. He used to watch you constantly from Otherworld, longing to be in Cameron's place" (Chapter 44, p. 224).

"And I know my visions are always, always right. Pip is staying here with me." (Chapter 45, p. 228).

"Listen, about that... I may have been wrong. I think Cam is meant to be in Otherworld." (Chapter 47, p. 235).

"Actually, more than some. Every night, even since before I left Otherworld. Every night. It's like you've been in here forever" (Chapter 47, p. 238).

"I knew Morgan would sacrifice anything to come to that slave's rescue. I think that of all the many weaknesses humans have, love is the greatest" (Chapter 48, p. 243).

"This was supposed to happen. Pip was always supposed to have been in my place. Now, everything is right...But I am a fairy. Part of me has always wanted to be in Otherworld. I've even dreamed about it... It's my home." (Chapter 48, p. 244).

"And four, five, six. And seven, eight, nine. And on and on. I know. And I do, too. No matter what world I'm in." (Chapter 48, p. 244).

"But I know it wasn't fantasy. I know it was real. And I remember. Not so much the past, but the way I felt when we were together. It was a feeling like I could do anything. It's still here. And I know that's because Cam is looking out for me." (Chapter 49, p. 248).



Topics for Discussion

What is Morgan's special ability and what role does it play in "Fairy Tale?"

Why does Dawn come to Earth?

Who is Pip and what is his role on Earth? Why is Morgan attracted to him?

How does Morgan plan to save Cam and how does the plan change?

Why does Cam agree to go to Otherworld?

What causes Morgan to doubt her visions and how does her doubt direct her actions?

In what way is Morgan torn between Cam and Pip?