

Summary -- February

This summary is about a girl named Catherine who talks to Morwenna about mating, love, and marriage.

Catherine's father does not like the dog -Peppercorn. Catherine's dog, Peppercorn, was hurt and Catherine's father sent her to a place to be killed. Catherine decided to send Peppercorn to Perkin. They gave the dog to Perkin so he can keep it. Catherine thinks that Perkin -the goat boy- understands dogs because dogs are like goats.

Catherine's mother took advantage of her merry spirits to speak of young people and the privy fire. Catherine was locked in her chamber for being rude to the young baron Fulk from Normandy.

Since she was locked in her chamber, she hid in the privy to watch for the arrival of the father-and-son Fulks. The way she describes the Fulks is like bread. She hid in the privy until Morwenna found her while she was seeking to rid herself of her breakfast ale before dinner.

Catherine's mother is having a babe. Previously, Catherine's mother had lost five other children. Peppercorn was back; the problem was that there was a fig in her ear. Perkin took the fig out and now she was herself. Catherine had gotten Rhys, John, and Wat in trouble because she set the privy ablaze: she did not want to marry anyone. She does not want to be forced to marry anyone against her will.

Therefore she was sent to Aelis' castle, for fourteen days. While she was there she saw the way they lived. After Aelis and Catherine were walking outside, they had ducked in the

kennels to see Aelis' new hounds. While they were down there she saw a boy who took care of the hounds. The boy was less clean and fat than the dogs.

Madame Johanna is an old lady. She is shorter than an 8-year-old girl. Madame Johanna does not have any teeth except for two on top and bottom. She does not have very good table manners. She eats like Shaggy Beard. She talks while she eats, and gives food to her dog from the table.

In "Catherine, Called Birdy" Catherine had to go to a party with a man she calls "Shaggy Beard." She has to go with him because Catherine's father lusted Shaggy Beard's land. At the party Shaggy Beard was acting like a pig. He sneezed on the meat and picked his teeth with his knife and left wet greasy marks on the goblet he drank from. Catherine could not put her lips on the goblet.