

Fairy, Fat and Forty

Once upon a time there was a beautiful fairy that helped lots of children, but everything changed. The elfin like face had bloated beyond recognition, porcelain skin now had a grey sheen. Her hair in spikes, more white cotton than spun golden silk.

Tesse O'Shea was right, 'Nobody loves a fairy when she's 40'!

Tina scowled at her reflection in the pond, 'It's just not fair' she cried. Turning away, she caught the outline of her silhouette, additional fairy rings around her middle. Tina wanted to cut her shadow off and leave it discarded on the ground. Flying took a lot more effort these days. She had to flap her gossamer wings longer and harder to get off the ground, whilst her bingo wings continued wobbling like jelly. By the time she was ready for take-off, she was drenched, perspiration from places she didn't know could perspire.

She'd chosen the name Tina when she started her new life under the Witness Protection scheme. After the trial she'd been moved to a pretty grotto just outside Glen Shee. Tina was now one of the mountain rescue team, helping walkers and climbers disorientated by the mists and fogs that came rolling over the hills. By sprinkling her fairy dust and ringing her tiny bell, she would get lost boys and girls back to safety.

Tina wondered if there had been any point in taken on a new identity? Nobody really noticed her anymore, it seemed she was invisible to most since she'd moved to Scotland. She missed her old life, but most of all she missed 'The Boy'. Her mistake was falling in love with the person she was meant to protect. It had clouded her judgement and she'd breached the Fairy Promise Code.

Things changed when The Boy bought a family to stay. He paid the new girl a lot of attention, Tina didn't like her. Another girl just spoilt everything. Tina sighed as she remembered the day she'd been kidnapped by The Boy's archenemy. He was a cruel, evil man with long dark hair resembling black candles. He'd said if she told him where the secret hiding place was he would ensure this new girl would be removed and she would have The Boy back to herself. At the court case Tina tried to argue that she'd told him the secret to save her life. Of course this argument failed. She was under no threat, she was just being used to get to The Boy.

Her actions put many lives at risk. The secret hiding place was where the Lost Boys lived, they now hated her. The Boy couldn't look at her, she wanted to say sorry and explain that she'd done it out of love.

She fell in love with the boy that would never grow up, but when they had to leave Never-Never Land, they all grew up. In losing Peter Pan, Tinkerbell lost her youth, her beauty and her identity. Nobody loves a fairy when she's 40.