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# Characters

## Part 1

**Huw Thomas:** a sixteen-year-old coal miner.

**Gareth Thomas:** Huw's brother.

**David Thomas:** Huw's father.

**Megan Jenkins:** a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl.

**Harry Jenkins:** Megan's father.

## Part 2

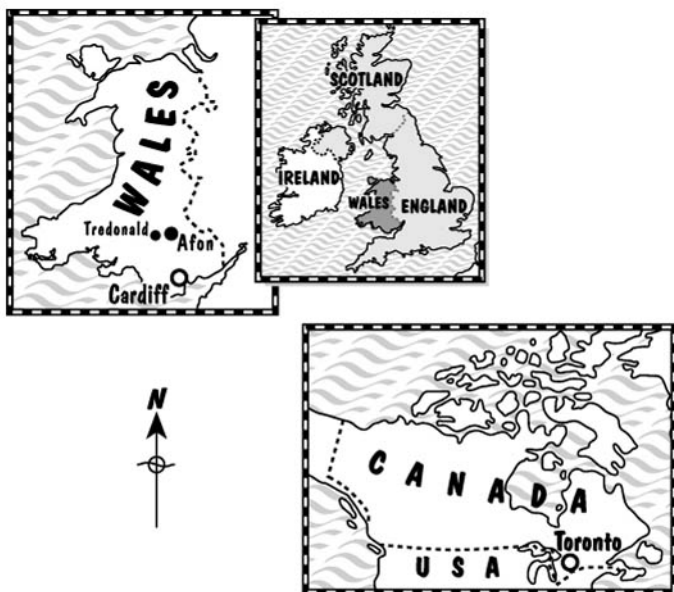
**Beth Jones:** Megan's daughter.

**Philip Jones:** Beth's husband.

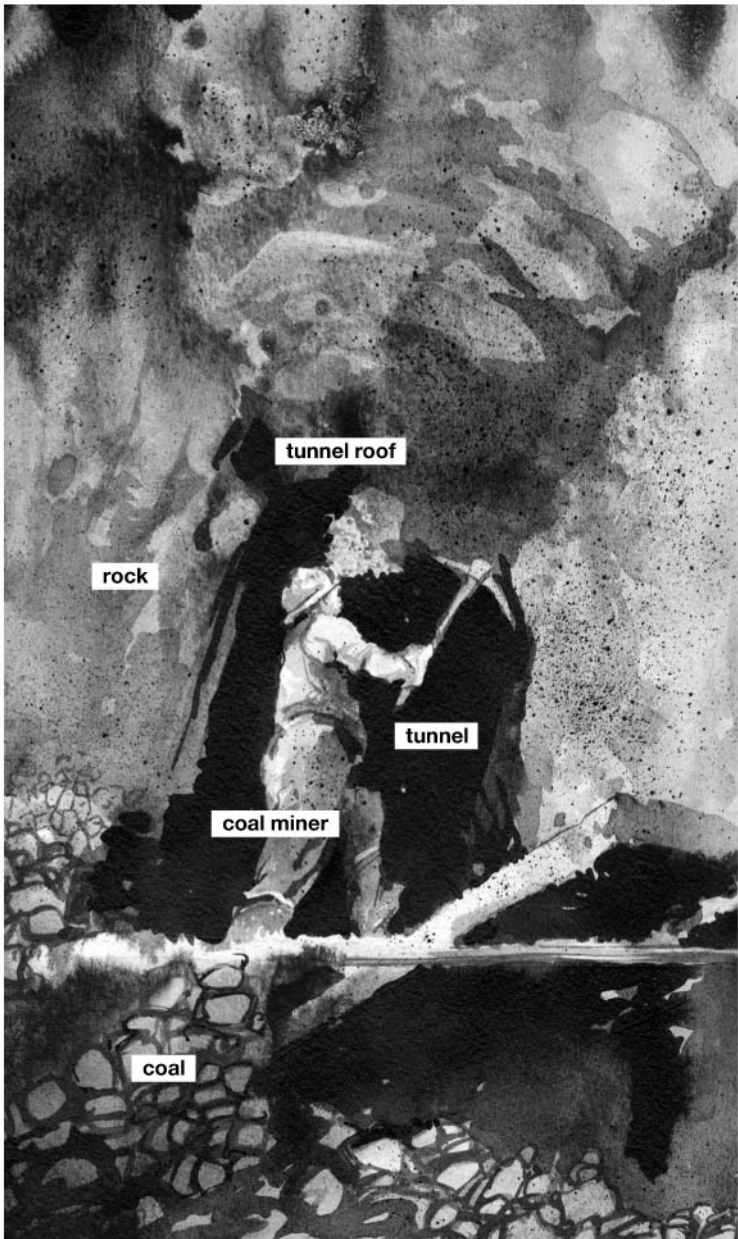
**Paul:** Megan's fiancé.

**Mike:** Huw's son.

**Rebecca:** Mike's wife.



## A coal mine



# Prologue

*Tredonald  
August 1996*

*My dear Huw*

*It was so good to get your letter. And thank you for the photos. It was good to see that even after all this time you haven't changed much. Wish I could say the same about myself!*

*Your letter produced a lot of different feelings in me – I was very happy to see how well you've done in life – I always said you could be a great artist! But I felt sad, too, that I hadn't been part of it. We had so many plans when we were younger, didn't we? But we mustn't think about the past. There's so much we have to talk about now. Beth and I are both very pleased that you've decided to come to Tredonald – let me know when you arrive in England.*

*With all best wishes*

*Megan*

*PS Here's a photo of Beth and me which was taken in the sitting room above the shop. Remember?*