

# **Fish Out of Water Romance Cheat Sheet**

## **Chapters 1-2 – Inciting Incident and Backstory**

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Chapter 2: The Lead's Reaction

## **Chapters 3-5 – Want Becoming Need**

Chapter 3: Make do/Refusal of the Call

Chapter 4: How Things Get Worse

Chapter 5: Your Character Accepts the Need to Leave

## **Chapters 6-8 – The Transition from Old to New**

Chapter 6: Preparing to Leave

Chapter 7: The Difficulty in Leaving

Chapter 8: Crossing over into the New World

## **Chapters 9-11 We Aren't in Kansas Anymore**

Chapter 9: First Exposure – Allies and Enemies

Chapter 10: Uncomfortable Moments Witnessed

Chapter 11: Getting Help

## **Chapters 12-14 – Attempting to Fit In**

Chapter 12: Preparation with the Locals

Chapter 13: Making the Effort Event – Being Noticed

Chapter 14: Progress is Made

## **Chapters 15-17 Getting to Know Each Other**

Chapter 15: Setting up the Meeting

Chapter 16: The Meeting Goes Wrong

Chapter 17: Acceptance, 20 Questions

## **Chapters 18-20 If We Don't Make It...**

Chapter 18: Getting Used to Each Other

Chapter 19: Danger!

Chapter 20: Adrenaline Bond

## **Chapters 21-23 Glad That's Over... Right?**

Chapter 21: The Real Us

Chapter 22: Rescue!

Chapter 23: Something's Missing

## **Chapters 24-26 – A Misunderstanding, The Major Setback, and the Truth**

Chapter 24: A Misunderstanding Takes Place

Chapter 25: Snowball of the Misunderstanding

Chapter 26: Discovering the Truth

## **Chapters 27-29 Gathering Forces, Battle, and Surprise**

Chapter 27: Allies and a Plan

Chapter 28: Fighting for Justice, Goals, and Love

Chapter 29: Surprise Savior

## **Chapters 30-32 Amends, Transformation, and Resolution**

Chapter 30: Love Interest Makes Amends

Chapter 31: Proof of Transformation

Chapter 32: The Happy Ending

(Optional) Chapter 33: Quickie Epilogue Scene