***The BFG***

***Chapter 11***

***Journey to Dream Country***

* The BFG decides to go catch some dreams. (You know, as would anyone.) He puts Sophie in his pocket and starts out. Luckily for Sophie, there’s a little hole in his pocket that she can peek through. Sometimes a shlubby wardrobe can come in handy.
* But for giants, catching dreams doesn’t just mean going to sleep. There’s a special spot the BFG goes to for that. But first he has to get past the other giants, who are all waffling around, being bored and waiting for nightfall.
* They demand to know where the BFG is going, and when he won’t tell them, they pick him up and start throwing him between them. Don’t try this at home, Shmoopers.
* When they get bored, they make him run and toss rocks after him. But the BFG dodges them like a boss. He must have been good at dodgeball as a kid. Especially since giants use rocks.
* Once they’re out of sight, Sophie asks the BFG if the giants would ever eat him. The BFG says that humans are the only creature that kills their own kind. Fair point. It makes Sophie wonder if humans actually are better than giants. This is getting deep.
* When Sophie says that it’s still bad that giants eat humans, the BFG points out that the pigs probably don’t like it that humans eat them. But he agrees that giants still shouldn’t eat humans, because two wrongs don’t make a right.
* Now is the time to put on your philosopher hat and stroke your pretend beard.
* Back to the journey. The BFG starts running at top speed and Sophie has to duck back into his pocket. When he slows, they are in a cool, pale land with a thick mist. You guessed it—Dream Country.

***Critical Study (Ch 6-11):***

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In fact, it was thanks to his large ears that he could hear Sophie watching him through her window last night. BFG says that his hearing is so sharp he can even here the screams and moans of plants and trees when they are cut or even just twisted.

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