Directions: The action of a story is called the plot. Most plots involve a problem. After some complications and important events, a solution is found. Fill in each block in the pyramid below to identify the problem and solution that make up the plot of “Dog People.” Use the prompts to help you.

1. Setup
Who do you meet in the beginning? Where are they?

2. The Problem
What is Cassie’s main problem? How does the problem get more complicated as the story goes on?

3. Climax
What happens that makes Cassie realize something important about the problem?

4. The Solution
What does Cassie do to solve the problem?

5. Conclusion
What happens after the problem has been solved?