

Expect the unexpected

In life people usually expect things to turn out the way they want to but they usually do not. Paul had never expected to have his parents lie to him about everything. At first Paul thought that he would never have to be alone in his life with no one to trust. Throughout the book, Paul did not expect that everything in his life would be a hoax. The theme of I am the Cheese was expect the unexpected, because throughout the events of the story Paul Delmonte expected his life to be as he thought it would be, but it does not.

Paul Delmonte was lied to by his parents throughout the whole book, which he did not expect "They've been lying to me, he thought with horror. All my life they've been lying to me"(pg 74). He was lied to about his name, and he realized that his name wasn't Adam Farmer. "I am Paul Delmonte, a voice whispered to him. Paul Delmon-tee. Then who is Adam Farmer?"(pg 123). His mother had lied to Paul when she said that he had no relatives when he overheard his mom talking to his Aunt Martha. "That word hung in the air, isolated from the others. Nephew"(pg 73). Paul Delmonte was lied to about his name and about his Aunt Martha.

In addition, Paul Delmonte is alone because of the deaths of his parents. His mother died as a car crashed in to her and then by snapping her neck while he watched her. "She fell to the pavement, not sliding off but plunging to the pavement strangely, awkwardly, her head at an odd angle, almost at a right angle to her body" (pg 200). His father had died in the hospital. When Paul came to see his father he saw the look in the doctor's eyes and knew his father was dead. "We are

all mortal, Dr. Dupont says, his voice gentle, we all must die someday" (pg 208).

After the hospital Brint files his report on Paul on how Paul is the final link to his father and file 865-01 and has to stay till the termination is approved or until he obliterates "T: Annual Report on File Data 865-01..... or (b) Subject A's condition can be sustained until subject A obliterates." (pg 211-213). Paul Delmonte is alone throughout the whole book because of the result of the deaths of his parents.

After that, everything that happened in Paul's life was a hoax. Paul's past home in Rawlings, Pennsylvania was fake. He was never from Rawlings, Pennsylvania "Listen this guy says he's lived in Rawlings all his life, and he can't remember any Farmers there." (pg 53). The bike ride to the hospital where his father is was actually fake and he was just walking around in the hospital. "Once when I was riding the bike around the grounds-Dr. Dupont allows me to do this if I promise I won't leave the place-Whipper and his buddies chased me and knocked me off and I went flying off into a ditch" (pg 206). His parents' name was fake and was actually Anthony Delmonte (pg 203). Throughout the whole entire book Paul's life was fake from the beginning to the end.

In conclusion, expect the unexpected was the main theme because Paul Delmonte has never expect anything to happen that happened in his life. Throughout his life his parents had lied to him about his relatives, his name. He is now alone in a medical facility because his parent's death. Everything in his life was a hoax from his past home in Rawlings, Pennsylvania to his parents name. The theme was expect the unexpected because people usually anticipate things to turn out the

way they want to but instead they turn out the way they didn't expect under the control of others.