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“You actually finished it?”

“Yup. It tastes good.”

After hearing his brother’s answer, Davin scooped a few leaves and slowly chewed them. Then, he swallowed it painfully with his eyes closed. It was as if he was consuming medicine instead of vegetables!

I firmly believe that Evan’s vegetables are different from mine. Next time, I’ll taste his first!

After breakfast, the group of people went to visit Crystal Rose to ask about their second task.

“Your second task is to let the two poisoned women pluck some flowers. Coincidentally, there’s no sun today. Remember to pick the flowers soaked in morning dew.”

After pondering for a moment, Nina nodded. “Okay. I’ll head to it now.”

Monica nodded along with her.

As Monica’s way of picking flowers was somewhat rough, the dew on the petals dribbled everywhere, causing Crystal Rose to scold her over it. After that, Monica started to pick flowers more gently despite cursing the woman angrily in her heart.

Meanwhile, Nina had plucked all the flowers with utmost care and put them in the basket as it was a precious gem, fearing to damage the petals.

Both of them finished picking half a basket of flowers. After that, they were only notified that the petals were used for their medication.

Looking at the mess in her basket, Monica deeply regretted her actions. I wonder if it would affect the effect of the medication? Darn you, Crystal Rose! Would it hurt for you to tell us earlier? I thought the flower was used to serve tea or other daily uses!

Then, Crystal Rose continued to cure them again. Two hours later, Nina had successfully detoxified another thirty percent of the poison. Immediately, her complexion seemed way better than before.

After Monica was detoxified, she checked herself in the mirror. I don’t think that my complexion improved at all. Did the stupid witch only remove 20% of my poison and 60% for Nina?

She seriously suspected Crystal Rose had tampered with the detoxifying process.

Despite having doubts in her heart, she did not dare to inquire Crystal Rose about it. After all, her life solely depended on that woman, whether she liked it or not.

As the first two tasks were way too easy, the group figured the third task would be as well. Therefore, Davin and Levant sat by leisurely as Evan asked for the third requirement.

However, they did not expect Crystal Rose’s third condition to bring such a shock to them. It was evidently shown in Levant’s reaction, staggering back as he stared at her in shock. “What did you say?”

Crystal Rose slowly repeated her request, "I'm ordering you to kill Murphy!" Her tone was filled with malice.

Levant was silent for a moment before questioning, "Which Murphy are you talking about? Where is he from?" Perhaps, there might be someone with the same name.

However, Crystal Rose shattered his hopes as she answered thoughtfully, "The leader of K Nation, Murphy Morris."

So she's really talking about my dad? How could that be...

Levant recalled him confirming that issue with his father. However, his father made it clear he had nothing to do with Crystal Rose, not even knowing who she was. If that was true, why would she hold such a grudge against Dad?

"Do you really know who Murphy is? What grudge do you hold against him?" Levant continued to ask.

Crystal Rose's facial expression turned bitter. "A jerk as heartless as him deserves to die! My hatred toward him can never be resolved, not even if he dies!"

Her words caused everyone to feel stunned.

Evan had gotten information that there was a history between Crystal Rose and Morris. However, he never expected a grudge to exist between them.

Davin whispered to Levant, "Perhaps did Uncle Morris lie to us? Maybe there really is something going on between him and Crystal Rose."

"No way. Dad didn't seem to be lying about it. Didn't you hear him?"

"That's weird. That woman seemed to hate your father a lot. If your dad is really speaking the truth, there's no way she would feel this way."

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Levant's mind was buzzing. Did my dad really lie about this?

"I believe my third condition is nothing hard for you. If you can achieve this, I'll detoxify another thirty percent of their poison."

Crystal Rose's words caused the three to exchange glances with each other.

Not hard? How could killing someone not be hard?

Plus, the person she ordered them to kill was no other than Murphy. He was Levant's father and also the uncle of Evan and Davin. There was no way it was considered an easy task.

"You're asking us to break into Wicked Palace to kill its owner. How is this not difficult? It's nearly mission impossible!" Davin sighed.

"I'm sure you can do it if you try. Of course, if you decide to stop their treatment, you can opt not to." After that, the woman turned back to the bamboo house.

Levant stared at Evan suspiciously. "Are you seriously considering killing your uncle for Nina's treatment?"

The man shot a look at him. "I'm just curious what he did for Crystal Rose to resent him so much."

Levant was speechless, for he was also unsure of the answer.

"Perhaps there's a misunderstanding between them. Before we came here, we even called Uncle Morris to understand the situation. By his tone, he seemed not to be lying about not knowing her."

After Davin finished his explanation, Levant pitched in, "I also think that this weird woman got it wrong. There's no way my dad would lie so blatantly!"

At that moment, Draven suddenly walked up to them and reminded them, "Mr. Seet, I was the one who found out that there was history between Crystal Rose and the owner of Wicked Palace. There's a rumor circulating that Crystal Rose was not the woman's initial name. She had changed her name upon arriving at Nepenthe Valley from K Nation."

Once Draven finished talking, Davin took a moment to think before asking, "So what you're trying to say is that Crystal Rose was using another name while in K Nation. Therefore, Uncle Morris would only recognize her initial name and not Crystal Rose!"

"What was she called before?" Levant looked toward Draven for an answer.

After thinking for a moment, Draven answered, "I'm not sure about her full name, but her nickname was called Jordyn."

"Jordyn?" Levant repeated the name. "I'm not sure if my dad will know her."

"You can ask him about it. If your dad knows her, that'll be able to confirm that love and hatred exist between them!"

"That's right. You can call and confirm it with Uncle Morris."

Upon hearing Evan and Davin's prompting, Levant hesitated for a moment before giving Murphy a call.

The person on the other end picked up the call almost immediately.

"What's the matter?"

"Dad, I wanted to ask if you know a certain someone called Jordyn?"

When Murphy heard that name, his heart skipped a beat, and his expression darkened. Immediately, memories from the past flashed past his mind, causing him to feel nauseous.

"Dad, do you know her? Did you and her—"

"Why are you asking about her out of the blue?"

By his tone, it could practically be confirmed that Murphy knew about Jordyn.

"Dad, do you have a grudge against Jordyn? Did you abandon her back then?"

"It's all in the past. Why are you still bringing it up?" Murphy's voice was low.

“Dad, so you really did abandon her and let her down?”

Murphy hesitated for a moment before answering, “All right. If you have nothing else to say, I still have some matters to settle.” After that, he hung up the call.

The three of them exchanged glances. It was obvious that Murphy knew who Jordyn was.

There was a huge possibility that Murphy was ashamed of his actions, seeing how he refused to bring up the past.

“So... What should we do about it now?” Levant asked the duo.

“Is there a possibility that we could resolve the grudge between them?” Evan asked.

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Davin sighed deeply. “The issues between a man and a woman are as simple as they are complicated. However, judging by Crystal Rose’s hatred toward Uncle Morris, it doesn’t seem like an easy task to resolve their problems with each other. “In fact, the more hate a woman has toward someone, the more it stands as solid proof she was once madly in love with that person. It’s no surprise that she still has a love-hate relationship with that person!

“Also, Uncle Morris is single now. If they could resolve their past grudges and regain their peace with each other, Crystal Rose could become his wife again. From there onward, I’m sure she would gladly cure Nina and even help us heal others, too!”

Davin was elated. However, Levant disagreed strongly with the former’s words.

“Are you trying to get me a stepmother? Your ideas are terrible, Davin!” exclaimed Levant.

“Do you have any better ideas, then? Anyway, I’m just blabbering. Even if you’re willing to call her ‘Mom’, it doesn’t mean she’ll accept it right away!”

“That’s great! After all, I don’t want to call her that either!”

“Our top priority now is to understand the past between Uncle Morris and her.”

They had a little chat on the phone with Murphy a while ago, but he never talked about his past. Thus, it seemed they would have to communicate with Crystal Rose directly if they wanted answers.

After a discussion between the three of them, Levant volunteered and suggested, “Why don’t I have a talk with her?”

“You’ll talk to her? Sure! But will she agree to speak with you?” Davin asked worriedly.

Levant pondered quietly and concluded, “I have my ways to make her talk.” Then, he rose and exited the room.

“Evan, are you sure he’s the right person for that task? Will Crystal Rose be willing to talk to him?”

Following Davin’s doubt, Evan stared at the leaving man’s back until he gradually vanished from sight. “I don’t know. However, since Levant volunteered, it doesn’t harm anyone for him to try.”

Davin stayed silent. Levant won't be chased out by that weird woman, right?

Out of curiosity, he decided to follow Levant and see for himself what would happen.

Meanwhile, Levant arrived at Crystal Rose's doorstep and knocked on the door.

Shortly after, the door swung open. Crystal Rose's expression darkened as soon as she saw Levant. "How can I help you?" she asked coldly.

"I would like to talk to you."

"I'm busy."

"I have a way to kill Murphy in a heartbeat. I believe you might be interested in it."

Crystal Rose was surprised by Levant's initiation concerning the topic.

She scanned Levant from head to toe. She didn't dislike him as she also had a son who was of similar age. I wonder if my son is doing well out there nowadays?

"Can we talk about it if that caught your interest?"

Crystal Rose regained her train of thoughts and let Levant into the house.

Davin, who was hiding in a corner after stalking Levant to this location, was shocked by the scene he just witnessed. D\*mn, I can't believe Levant really had a way to deal with Crystal Rose! He even successfully entered her room!

Davin was extremely curious about the discussion between Levant and Crystal Rose, so he remained hidden in his spot and waited for Levant's reappearance.

In the room, Crystal Rose was quite courteous to Levant and invited him to have a seat. The latter retracted his wandering gaze around the environment and sat on a bamboo chair.

"You said you had a swift method to kill Murphy. What is it?"

Levant was stunned for a split second before saying, "I cannot guarantee the method's success rate, but before I tell you about it, may I ask what your grudge with Murphy is? Did he leave you? Were you... his lover? Or were you something else?"

Lover? Crystal Rose smiled mockingly. "I will never be someone's lover in this lifetime!"

Levant remained silent. Since Crystal Rose and Dad were never lovers, does that mean they were in a serious relationship before Dad married Mom? Did Dad leave her so he could marry Mom? Is that why Crystal Rose holds a grudge toward Dad? For abandoning her?

As he mulled over the situation, Crystal Rose soon revealed some baffling information to him...

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"I was Murphy's wife once," muttered Crystal Rose.

Levant was astonished by the information and didn't know how to respond. Isn't Murphy's wife Avril and my mother? Then that means that she...

Crystal Rose saw Levant staring at her in disbelief and tried to convince him it was the truth. "It's true. I left him because I discovered he was cheating on me."

Is this the truth? If it is, then she's my biological mother!

In that instant, Levant felt a flood of complicated emotions rush through him as his face fell. "You abandoned the child you had with him because you hate him. Not only that, you even deliberately sent the child to an orphanage!"

Crystal Rose frowned. How does he know about that?

Levant's face grew colder in response to the woman's silence. "So, those are the facts? You abandoned your own child as a mother. Where did you even get the audacity to reprimand and despise others?"

"I had my reasons when I did that! I would never have done that if I could have raised my child back then!" Crystal Rose explained desperately while staring at Levant in confusion. "How did you find out about these matters? Who told you about them?"

"No reason in the world could justify why you abandoned your child." Levant stood up and responded icily, then left the room.

Crystal Rose watched as he left the room abruptly and had an indescribable feeling about the latter's agitated reaction to the subject.

How did Levant find out I abandoned my child at an orphanage? How did he learn about my past? Also, why was he so enraged when he told me that?

Crystal Rose was initially perplexed by the situation. Soon after, she realized her abandoned child would be around Levant's age. Then a bizarre thought occurred to her. Could Levant be the child I abandoned back then? No, that can't possibly be true! What are the odds of reuniting with my long-lost son in Nepenthe Valley out of pure coincidence?

Davin, who was waiting for Levant outside Crystal Rose's house, spotted the latter approaching him. Yet, the look of rage on Levant's face baffled him.

Did his conversation with Crystal Rose go south? If not, why else would he look so angry? Davin paced toward Levant and intercepted him. "How did the discussion go? Is she still obsessed with taking Uncle Morris' life?"

Levant's expression was gloomy and complicated as he pushed Davin out of the way while saying nothing.

"What the... Hey, what happened between the two of you? Why are you acting this way?" Davin remained confused as he watched Levant walk away.

"Crystal Rose is such an odd woman. What did she tell Levant that irritated him to that extent?" he wondered to himself before heading off to find Evan.

After reporting the situation to Evan, Davin questioned, "Don't you think that it's weird, Evan? Is it because Levant failed to persuade Crystal Rose out of taking Uncle Morris' life?"

After some speculation, Evan disagreed, "There must be some other reason behind it. I'll go check on Levant."

Later, Evan arrived at Levant's room and noticed the latter was packing up his belongings. Bewildered, he asked, "Are you leaving so soon?"

"That's right. I'm getting out of here."

Evan was taken aback. Before witnessing Levant's behavior, he had assumed Davin was making a big deal about Levant's irritation out of nothing. Looks like something's really wrong with him.

"I'm genuinely curious about what Crystal Rose said to you that infuriated you to this extent. Was it really because you failed to talk her out of her mission to seek revenge and kill Uncle Morris?"

Levant looked at Evan seriously and answered, "Crystal Rose is a heartless woman. She abandoned her son! I'm absolutely disgusted by these kinds of people."

"How do you know she abandoned her son?" asked Evan.

Levant didn't answer Evan's question. Of course I know. I'm the son she abandoned!

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Levant didn't want to talk with Evan about what he had discovered through his conversation with Crystal Rose.

"Since at least sixty percent of Nina's poison has been cured, she could probably get the help she needs from other doctors. Why don't we leave this place together?" Levant suggested.

Leave? It's not that easy to find someone else who is as skillful as Crystal Rose. I won't risk Nina's health and leave this place so recklessly.

"Are you really leaving?" Evan asked again to confirm.

Levant appeared to be extremely determined in his decision. "Yes, and I swear I'll never step foot into this place again!"

Evan stared at Levant's disappearing figure and suspected that the event which led to his departure wasn't as simple as that.

What did Crystal Rose tell Levant? Also, Levant mentioned she abandoned her own child. Does that have anything to do with him leaving so suddenly? Yet, why does it matter so much to him?

Evan couldn't figure out the motive behind Levant's actions, so he met up with Crystal Rose in hopes of fully understanding the situation.

As soon as Crystal Rose saw Evan, she promptly inquired before the latter said anything, "I want to know who exactly the man who followed you all the way to this place is? Who are his parents?"

Evan mulled it over for a short while. Now that Levant had left, he knew Crystal Rose had nothing to hold against him. Therefore, he decided to tell her the truth. "He's Murphy's son."

The answer was ultimately shocking to Crystal Rose, and her expression changed drastically. I can't believe this. I really can't...

"No reason in the world could justify why you abandoned your child," the voice of Levant echoed in Crystal Rose's mind. Furthermore, the reproach in his eyes was engraved inside her head. He was obviously blaming her!

What a coincidence... Levant is my son!

"He left Nepenthe Valley. If you feel the need to make his life difficult or let him pay for his father's wrongdoings, then it's too late."

"He left? He's really gone?" Crystal Rose returned to her senses and hurried outside while commanding others to help chase after Levant.

Evan swiftly blocked their way and stated, "There's no need to chase after him. He's long gone. If you wish to avenge yourself, you can go through me as I'm related to Murphy too."

"How are you related to him?"

"Murphy is my uncle!"

Hearing Evan's answer, Crystal Rose stared at him and asked, "So that makes you Levant's cousin, am I right?"

"That's right."

"Is there a way to make him return to Nepenthe Valley?" Crystal Rose voiced out her concern after a brief moment of silence.

Evan recalled Levant's determination when leaving this place and told her about his uncertainty.

"Now tell me which option is easier for you. Is it killing Murphy or making Levant return here?"

"Of course it's the latter! Murphy is my uncle, so I can't murder him with my own hands!" Evan replied without the slightest hesitation.

"All right, then. I'm changing the third condition in our agreement. If you can make Levant stay here for three months, I'll cure thirty percent of Nina's poison."

Evan couldn't figure out why Crystal Rose would change her mind suddenly. Why do you want Levant to return to Nepenthe Valley so badly?

"You don't have to think too deeply into this matter. I will never hurt Levant. I'll only treat him the best I can. He's my son, after all."

Your son?

At that moment, Evan finally understood the comments made by Levant regarding Crystal Rose's cruelty.

Levant was the abandoned child all along!



Under these circumstances, Evan felt it was nearly impossible to make Levant come back to this valley willingly.

What should I do to make Levant return?

When Evan returned, Davin asked immediately, "Evan, is it true that Levant left?"

Evan nodded. "That's true."

"Why? Is it really necessary for him to get mad at an old lady?"

"It is necessary considering their relationship."

"What? Evan, what do you mean by that? Who exactly is Crystal Rose to Levant?"

"Crystal Rose is Levant's biological mother."

Davin was utterly shocked when he heard the truth.

Darn it! I had thought Crystal Rose's urge to murder Murphy was already the biggest surprise. I can't believe there's something more astounding than that!

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Davin was still deep in shock at the news when he heard Evan say, "Now, we need to convince Levant to return to Nepenthe Valley and stay for three months. Only then will Nina get the cure she needs, and Crystal Rose will give up seeking vengeance on Uncle Morris."

"Is that so?" Davin thought back to the fury on Levant's face when the latter left Crystal Rose's room. Besides, the determination Levant had before leaving this place was still as clear as day in his mind.

Would he willingly come back?

"Evan, I don't think it's a simple task to make him come back to us."

"That's right, which is why you'll have to come up with a plan to convince him."

"Me?" Davin pointed at himself in bewilderment. You're having too high of a hope in my capabilities!

"Evan, Levant is a stubborn man. It's obvious to tell from his never-ending love and commitment toward Nicole! He's as hard-necked as a cow! How could I possibly convince him?"

Evan glanced at Davin icily. "You can at least try. How will you know if you don't try?"

Once again, Davin had no words. He quietly sighed before he murmured, "All right, I guess I have no other choice but to try. Although, there's no guarantee I can bring him back."

"Okay. You can try calling him first."

Reluctantly, Davin picked up the phone and dialed Levant's number. He already anticipated the latter would insult him with ugly words.

The call was answered quickly.

"What do you want from me?" Levant snapped in a moody tone.

“Why did you leave so suddenly?”

“I had something to do,” Levant prevaricated casually.

“What else do you have to do? We were at Nepenthe Valley to find a cure for Nina! You’re so selfish and irresponsible for leaving like this. You could’ve at least waited for Nina to be cured before leaving!”

“Davin, I won’t beat around the bush with you. I will never return to that place!”

Hearing Levant’s reply, Davin exhaled sharply and retorted, “Well, since you want to put it that way, I’ll tell you what I think. You must return to Nepenthe Valley! Nina’s cure depends on you!”

“Me? I don’t have the ability to cure her.”

“I know you don’t. However, Crystal Rose promised to cure her if you were willing to return...” Davin thought of telling him the full condition, which was having to stay for three months, but decide to keep that a secret since he knew Levant would definitely refuse. “If you return, Crystal Rose will cure Nina!”

“There’s no way I’m going back!”

“Levant, please! Think of it as helping Nina. She needs you!”

Levant hesitated for a split second, then hung up on Davin.

Evan is a powerful and resourceful man, so there must be some other methods that could save his daughter. Anyway, I could never go back there and face the woman who abandoned me.

If it hadn’t been for Stephen’s wife, Portia, who had adopted him and treated him as if he was her own son back at the estate, he couldn’t imagine how his life would have turned out.

Portia...

Levant’s emotions were in turmoil when he thought about his adoptive mother.

He didn’t know what exactly happened all those years ago. All he knew was that Portia now had two identities – she was a homewrecker who had destroyed the relationship between his biological parents, and she was also the adoptive mother who raised him.

Levant had no idea how to face her in the future. Should he hate her? Or was he supposed to thank her for raising him?

He pondered over this matter and finally chose to find out the full picture of the story before deciding further.

Levant wanted to contact everyone important involved in his past, including Murphy, Stephen, and Portia.

First, he contacted Murphy, but Murphy didn’t want to talk about his past and tried to brush him off. “Why do we have to talk about that? Just let the past be in the past.”

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“Dad, I found out Crystal Rose is my biological mother and your ex-wife. I just want to know why she abandoned me and left you! Please tell me everything. If not, I’ll investigate it when I get back.”

Murphy held his tongue for a moment. “Fine, since you insist on knowing, I’ll tell you.

“Portia and I were childhood sweethearts. I always knew she liked Stephen and wanted to marry him. She went as far as to use her family’s power to separate Stephen and Nicole’s mother by force. Then, she made the elders in the Ankins family pressure Stephen into marrying her.

“I know we were destined to be apart throughout our lives. Therefore, I married Jordyn – your mother – after Portia got married to Stephen. “I was told that Stephen was unable to forget Nicole’s mother, and he ostracized Portia throughout their marriage. Portia thought time could slowly make his love toward another woman fade away, but she was wrong. Stephen had always been in love with that woman and that wouldn’t change.

“One day, Portia got into a fight with Stephen and ran away from the estate. We bumped into each other, and I brought her back to Wicked Palace when I saw the sadness on her face.

“During that night, we talked and drank. Soon, we became drunk and let our lust take over our rationality. Unfortunately, your mother saw us in bed together. “Your mother was a strong-willed woman. I was merely together with Portia once, but she insisted we had always cheated on her in secret. She wouldn’t listen to my explanation and wanted to leave the house. Not only that, she was determined to go to the estate and tell Stephen about us as well.

“That was when I hit her out of anger. Then she brought you along and left the house. “I underestimated her resentment. I thought she brought you along with her only because she was afraid to lose you. Never in my life would I have thought she was sending you to an orphanage. “When I found out about that, Portia had already adopted you and brought you back to the estate.”

Murphy’s narration of his past had left Levant with a heart filled with complicated emotions.

“If you knew I was at the estate, why didn’t you bring me back to Wicked Palace?”

“I didn’t have the time to take care of you even if I took you back. I’d much rather have Portia take good care of you than to leave you with my servants. Portia promised to take care of you as her own. Throughout these years, I’ve always had my people look after you discreetly. I know you grew up in a kind family and were treated well by Stephen and Portia.”

Listening to Murphy’s explanation caused Levant to sneer coldly. “I think Jordyn and you are truly the perfect pair. No matter how nicely you put it, the two of you were selfish pricks who didn’t take care of your child.”

Murphy was stumped. “You can think of me as a selfish man, but at least you grew up in the estate and had enjoyed life thoroughly.”

“Are you saying that I should thank you?”

“No. I know I failed as a father, so I won’t have the right to complain about you not taking care of me when I’m old.”

“You better keep in mind what you just said!”

Murphy was speechless. Will you really not care about me in the future?

Levant continued lecturing Murphy, “You cheated on her with another woman and she discovered it. Who in the world would accept that? She was wrong for abandoning me, that’s for sure. But you’re not any better than her!”

“I told you that was a one-night stand because I got drunk!”

“A one-night stand? You...” Levant was riled up when he heard Murphy bring up that incident again, but then he remembered having the same experience where he mistook Tiffany for Nicole and slept with her.

The more he thought about that, the more he lost track of his emotions.

If he hadn’t made the same mistake, he could be in the right and scold Murphy confidently for wronging Jordyn back then. However, he was in the wrong, too.

“Now I’m beginning to suspect my habit of having a one-night stand is all coded in my genes! I inherited it from you!”

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For an instant, Murphy was at a loss for words. He then expressed his disagreement strongly. “This isn’t about genes! If you ask me, I think you were just not strong-willed enough, and that’s all on you. Don’t you try to blame it on your father!”

Levant was rendered speechless. Now that his child with Tiffany was growing up fast, there was no point in playing the blaming game.

“Well, I’ve told you all you need to know about my history. Now that you know Crystal Rose’s your biological mother, what are you planning to do about it?”

“I don’t care about her resentment toward you, and I certainly don’t care about her intention to murder you. However, I will never forgive her for abandoning me to an orphanage!” yelled Levant right before he hung up the phone call.

Following that, Levant contacted Stephen to confirm the truth behind Murphy’s story.

Stephen explained he had always felt something was going on between Portia and Murphy, especially after Jordyn told him how she had witnessed the two of them together.

Additionally, Murphy and Portia were childhood sweethearts. Therefore, he was certain they got together behind his back, despite not knowing when they began to do so. Stephen attempted to convince Portia to file a divorce with him so she could get into a serious relationship with Murphy. Yet, Portia swore Stephen was her one and only love and refused to divorce him.

“I don’t really know all the details about what happened back then, but that’s about everything I know.”

With that, Levant confirmed that Stephen’s story roughly lined up with Murphy’s.

Throughout the years, Stephen had always disliked Portia. It seemed his love toward Rosalie wasn’t the only reason behind his detest toward Portia, but because the latter had slept with Murphy.

It didn't matter if it was on purpose. It was still considered a betrayal.

"Levant, is there anything else I can help you with?"

"No, there isn't. I'll pay you a visit soon."

"All right."

After ending the call with Stephen, Levant hesitated to call Portia but concluded that there was no need to do so. Murphy's and Stephen's words were more than sufficient for him to understand the truth of what happened back then.

Nonetheless, no reason could justify his biological mother abandoning him at an orphanage.

Jordyn had lost him the moment she abandoned him. He would never forgive her for that!

Just when Levant was catching his breath, his phone rang again. Picking up the phone and seeing Davin's name on the screen, Levant knew Davin was about to try convincing him to return. He rejected the call instantly.

Davin looked at the call that was immediately rejected and was frustrated.

"The heck? What's the meaning of this? He just hung up on my call without even picking it up!"

Draven sighed. "Mr. Davin, I'm sure Mr. Levant knew you were about to persuade him to return to Nepenthe Valley. That's why he hung up on you."

"Of course I must try my best to convince him! If he doesn't come back, Nina will never get the help she needs!"

"Mr. Davin, since Mr. Levant wouldn't listen to you, how about we think of another way?" Draven proposed.

Davin asked curiously, "What do you have in mind?"

Draven leaned toward Davin and whispered, "If verbal persuasion won't do the trick, we can do it the hard way and force him to return like this..."

"Are you sure that's okay?" After listening to Draven's idea, Davin looked at the latter worriedly.

"I don't know if it's okay. All I know is that was the only plan I could come up with. Do you have a better idea, Mr. Davin?"

The only reason I had that idea was all because of Mr. Evan too!

Davin considered the proposal briefly and agreed. "Well, I'd do anything for Nina's sake. We'll stick with your idea, then. First, I want you to pinpoint his current location."

"Yes, Mr. Davin."

After a short while, Draven found Levant's whereabouts and sent the location to Davin directly.

“Huh. He sure knows how to enjoy life by feasting at a luxurious restaurant. But all of that will end soon since he’ll be returning to Nepenthe Valley to eat with us,” Davin muttered. Turning to Draven, he instructed, “You can take action whenever you find an opportunity.”

“As you wish, Mr. Davin.”

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Draven hid in a dark corner, waiting for his chance to carry out the plan. As soon as he saw a waiter serving steak and wine to Levant, he went to the waiter and initiated small talk.

“Excuse me, may I know if the guest in room 3081 is there?”

“I think so.” The waiter turned around to look at the room, then replied.

While the waiter was looking away in the other direction, Draven swiftly slipped a few drops of sleeping drug into the wine.

“Oh, I see. Thank you.”

“You’re welcome.” Holding the serving tray in his hand, the waiter walked away. Soon, he arrived at Levant’s room and knocked on the door. “Sir, here’s the food you ordered.”

“Hand it to me,” answered Levant as he grabbed the tray from the waiter, then slammed the door shut.

Draven was secretly delighted. He believed Levant would faint soon after he consumed the wine. When that happened, he could finally transport him back to Nepenthe Valley.

An hour later, Draven changed into a waiter’s uniform and knocked on Levant’s door again.

Yet, there was no response from the other side of the door. Draven used the door card he obtained earlier to unlock the door and saw Levant collapsed in a chair.

Was the sleeping drug too strong or did he drink too much?

“Mr. Levant...” Draven gently shook Levant to wake him up. Upon confirming that Levant was fully unconscious, Draven made a phone call.

Later that night, Levant regained his consciousness with a heavy feeling lingering in his head. He was stunned to see a wooden roof above him the moment he opened his eyes. After a short while, he sat up from the bed.

Beside the bed sat Evan, Davin, Draven, Nina, and Monica, who were all looking at him.

“You... Why am I here?”

Davin coughed lightly before beginning his scripted speech. “Levant, we’re awfully moved by your actions. You were thinking about helping Nina while drunk, so you returned to Nepenthe Valley. I always knew you were full of love! I knew you wouldn’t watch Nina suffer. You’re such a saint, Levant!”

At the end of the speech, Davin gave Levant two thumbs-up to praise him further.

However, Levant looked completely dumbfounded after hearing Davin’s words.

He sank into his thoughts for a moment and turned to Davin in bewilderment. "Did you just mention that... I returned to Nepenthe Valley on my own will?"

"That's right!" Davin gave him a thumbs-up as reassurance.

Levant tried to recall where he was last night. He merely remembered drinking alone and feeling dizzy afterward. A few moments later, he started seeing double of his wineglass and gradually faded out of consciousness.

He just couldn't recall coming back to Nepenthe Valley by himself. Moreover, judging from his muscle memory and his hostility toward Crystal Rose, he felt the absurdity of his actions as well.

As soon as Davin noticed the suspicion on Levant's face, he exchanged a glance with Draven, to which the latter immediately understood and explained, "Mr. Levant, I didn't believe you would return to Nepenthe Valley at first, too. I thought I was hallucinating until I walked toward you and discovered that it was really you! You're such a kind-hearted man!"

Levant was clouded with doubt. He stared at Draven and asked, "How did I return to this place?"

"You found a driver to send you to the valley's entrance, then walked into Nepenthe Valley by yourself. However, it appears you might've been too drunk to walk straight. Luckily, I met you halfway while I was running errands for Mr. Evan with a few other bodyguards."

Levant brows furrowed together. How did I call a cab while being heavily intoxicated? I even directed the driver to send me to the valley's entrance and walked into the valley all by myself...

"How did you know I called a cab?"

Draven was stunned for a second before he muttered, "You told me about it in a daze when the bodyguards and I brought you back."

Never mind the possibility and logical aspect of the matter, Levant believed he would never return to this place of his own free will.

However, seeing how confident Davin and Draven were, he had no reason to suspect anything else. After all, if he didn't return by himself, why would he be here?

"Levant, I am eternally grateful for your help toward Nina. It means a lot to me, and I promise to repay this debt I owe you in the future."

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Levant sneered, "You're thanking me too soon. I must've been way too drunk to have returned to this place. How about this? I'll leave immediately, and you can pretend that I was never here! Does that sound good to you?" With that said, he began putting on his shoes.

Davin was devastated at the situation, as he had spent an inordinate amount of effort to have Levant return to this place.

Out of panic, Davin crouched and snatched the shoes away from Levant.

"What are you doing, Davin?"

“Levant, since you’ve already returned, and we’ve all shown our gratitude toward your kindness, isn’t it a little rude for you to leave again so soon?”

“I don’t care if I’m being rude. I must leave Nepenthe Valley as soon as possible! Give me my shoes!”

“No!”

“Hand them over now!” Levant howled.

“I’m a man of my words and I will not back up this time!”

“Davin Seet!” Levant clenched his teeth and began chasing Davin barefoot.

Davin took off quickly, holding Levant’s shoes in his hands as he ran away from the house while shouting, “Come and get them if you can! You can leave when you get your shoes back!”

“Davin, stop right there!”

Just as Levant was about to trail after Davin and exit the house, he saw Crystal Rose appear in front of him along with a few other women.

“Levant, you’re back?” said Crystal Rose.

“I didn’t wish to come back, and I don’t want to see you or speak to you at all. I’m leaving now!”

“Levant...” Crystal Rose caught the stubbornness on Levant’s face, then glanced at his bare feet. “The roads nearby are rocky. Come in and wear your shoes before you go.”

Levant looked around and realized Davin was nowhere to be found. Darn it, where did Davin disappear to in such a short time? I guess I should head back inside for now.

Meanwhile, Evan, who had noticed Levant and Crystal Rose entering the house, decided to leave the two of them alone to talk. He motioned for the others to leave the room, and Nina carefully closed the door behind her.

“Daddy, do you think they’ll end up arguing with each other?”

“I suppose so. Let’s head back.” In Evan’s opinion, it wasn’t a big deal as long as the argument could help solve the problem at hand.

“All right! Daddy, what do you think Mommy is doing right now?”

“Are you missing Mommy? I’ll bring you home to see her as soon as you’re cured of the poison, okay?”

“Okay!”

Meanwhile, Levant sat on the bed with his back to Crystal Rose in the room. He had no desire to speak with the woman who had abandoned him mercilessly when he was a child.

“Levant, I understand you hate me, but I—”

“I don’t care about how you feel, and I don’t hate you at all. After all, why should I hate you? Who do you think you are? My mother? You’re undeserving of that title!”



You were already dead to me the moment you abandoned me!

Crystal Rose felt as if her heart was pierced by sharp knives because of Levant's words. Her lips quivered as she struggled to find words to say to him.

If I had a choice, I would never have abandoned my son!

"Levant, I really had no choice but to do what I did back then..."

"So what? That doesn't make it a proper excuse for you to abandon me! You have every right to hate my dad for cheating on you, but why did you choose to abandon me? I was only a child. What did I do wrong?"

"Levant, please let me explain... Please listen to what I have to say before you continue..." Crystal Rose teared up as she pleaded for Levant's attention.

"Explain? What else do you need to explain? You abandoning me is a solid fact. You don't have to waste time and energy looking for more excuses. I won't listen to them! Leave!" Levant stomped toward the door and flung it open. He yelled furiously, "Leave! Leave right now!"

Seeing how stirred up Levant was at the moment, Crystal Rose understood there was nothing she could say to calm him down. She wiped her tears and left the room without another word. Later, she instructed Davin to return Levant's shoes to him.

"If you pass him the shoes now, he'll leave immediately. You might never be able to see him again after he leaves this time," reminded Davin.