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“Damien is quite knowledgeable about poison. He’s the one who discovered that Monica was poisoned. Maybe Monica was suffering from the same poison as Nina. As long as we know what poison it is, there must be something we can do about it.”

“What if the poison is different? Why can we be sure though?”

“Sheep, don’t be silly. The doctor has analyzed Nina’s blood. We can just ask him to do the same for Monica’s blood to find out if they’re the same.”

“You’re right. That’s a good idea.”

Sophia immediately turned to Kyle and said, “Kai, please order for people to draw Monica’s blood for analysis now. As long as we know what kind of poison it is, we can ask Damien to treat it accordingly.”

“Grandma, it’s not going to be that easy. Even if it’s the same poison, we have to know which kind of poison and its mechanism to be able to develop an antidote. Anyway, I will send someone to do the analysis.”

After Kyle had left, Sophia let out a heavy sigh. “God bless Nina. Just take both Jonathan and my lives should it please the Gods above. This is not Nina’s fault, to begin with. She should not have suffered for us!”

Jonathan’s face turned grim. If he had known the repercussions of his actions, he would not have done it in the first place.

I should be the one to suffer the karma of my own actions. Why is Nina suffering on my behalf instead?

“Nina, I am so sorry! I have failed you!”

“Dad, what’s past is past. You should not have done it in the past when you knew that it would come biting back at you.”

“Your father has no idea that this day would come. He wouldn’t have done what he did if he already knew that this would happen, so quit blaming him. Do you think he’s not already in agony for what happened? He’s hoping that he is the one poisoned instead of Nina, okay? Did you know that he promised Monica that he would apologize to Sam at his grave? It was Monica who rejected your father’s offer.”

Davin parted his lips in an attempt to say something. However, in the end, he said nothing and merely let out a heavy sigh.

Upon analysis, the doctor confirmed that Nina and Monica were suffering from the same poison.

After Kyle knew about this, he immediately ordered the Hidden Masters to find out how Monica was poisoned, as well as the type of poison.

“Yes, Mr. Seet. We will get to the bottom of this right away.”

Nina regained consciousness at night. Other than her sallow face, there was nothing abnormal about her. As a matter of fact, she did not realize that she was poisoned.

Everyone in the family had a tacit understanding to not divulge the fact to her. However, they were heartbroken to see her pale face.

“Nina, what would you like to eat? I’ll make some for you.”

Nina was stumped. After a moment, she mumbled, “I’m craving for some Beef Wellington.”

“Sure. It’ll be ready in just a moment.”

“Thank you, Maya.”

“You’re welcome.”

Maya padded toward the kitchen while Sheila and Sophia left behind to chat with Nina. Bemused, Nina asked, “Grandma, Aunt Sheila, it’s already so late. Isn’t it about time you guys head back to the Seet Residence?”

Sophia was stumped.

Then, Sheila reached out to hold Nina’s hands. “Look, Nina. The Imperial Garden is really great. Plus, your father and mother aren’t home either. Your grandma and I are really bored living there all alone. Could you let us stay at the Imperial Garden?”

Sheila and Sophia wanted to stay as they were worried about Nina’s condition. If they stayed close to her, they would be able to attend to her should anything happen.

Nina was amused by her coy manner and almost burst into a chuckle. She lifted her head and looked at Davin, “Uncle Davin, are you willing to let Aunt Sheila stay here?”

"Of course. I'm going to get a few days off if she's staying here. Otherwise..." She will keep pestering me to give her a child. Davin decided to keep the last sentence to himself.

Sheila glared at the man. "What do you mean, Davin? Do you think I'm a nuisance?"

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"No, that's not what I meant!"

I mean, yes. But I can't possibly be honest with you.

"Really?" Sheila doubted the man.

Davin nodded his head and lied without batting an eyelid. "Yes, of course it's true."

"Great. Then let's stay together at Imperial Garden then."

Is she for real? She's that reluctant to give me some space?

Sheila glared at Davin who was stumped and furrowed her brows. "Why? Do you not want to stay together with me? Or do you miss hanging out with those good-for-nothing friends?"

"N-no!" Davin stammered.

"Prove it by staying here together with me."

"Sheep, you're only here to accompany Nina. Why do you insist I do the same? I—"

"Quit babbling and do as she say!" Sophia interrupted the man.

Davin was rendered speechless.

Mother, I am your child. Why do you choose to side with Sheila instead? You're making it seem like I'm your son-in-law instead. Davin could not help but sigh to himself.

"Blake, make a room for Mr. Seet and Mrs. Seet. We're going to stay at Imperial Garden for the night."

"Yes, ma'am."

Sheila gave Davin a triumphant look and Davin gave a resigned look at his mother. He had assumed that given his mother's personality, the two of them would not get along well. However, things took a very different turn and the two of them were ganging up on him instead.

Oh, the misery.

Maya made Nina some Beef Wellington, and Nina wolfed it down in one sitting.

"Nina, I'll make you more tomorrow if you like it."

"Thank you, Maya."

"Don't sweat it. Just let me know if you're craving for anything. I'll make them all for you."

Nina smiled sweetly at her sister's kind gesture.

After she was done, Sheila chatted with Nina and somehow they came to the topic on wishes. Sheila then asked Nina, "Nina, what's your most earnest wish?"

Nina contemplated for a moment before answering, "I want to launch a really successful press conference. I'm actually working on it right now. Daddy will make it a reality when he comes back later on."

A cosmetics press conference?

Sheila was thinking if Davin and Kyle could help her fulfil that wish. That way, Nina would be able to achieve her wish sooner.

"Nina, do you have any other wish other than this one?"

Nina thought for a moment and shook her head.

Sheila regarded her and frowned. She noticed that Nina was not speaking her mind. She knew that Nina was keeping something from her.

"Nina, don't you have anything in particular that you want to achieve? Or someone whom you want to meet? Or someplace that you wish to visit?"

Nina was bemused by Sheila's odd questions. Why is she asking me these questions?

"Aunt Sheila, why do you ask these questions?"

Sheila was stumped. Has she realized something? She hurriedly managed a smile and said, "Oh, I'm just saying random things off the top of my head."

“Aunt Sheila, then I’m just going to let you know a random wish of mine. My biggest wish is actually to stroll along the coast to watch the sunrise and sunset with the love of my life. We will grow old together, and witness the beauty of life hand in hand.”

Nina’s eyes glimmered with hope and anticipation when she spoke of her wish.

Sheila watched her and felt her heart ache for the girl. It was not an out-of-the-world wish at all. In fact, the girl’s most earnest wish would come true every day once she found the love of her life.

Having said that, the hope of fulfilling Nina’s wish was bleak since they did not know whether Nina’s poison had an antidote.

“Nina, what kind of man do you like?”

“I like...”

Chris’ image popped up in her mind right then. In fact, her mind was filled with fragments of their time together. She could vividly remember his bright and sunny personality, as well as his elegant manners at K Nation.

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“What kind of man do you like?”

“Aunt Sheila, I have no idea either. I’m going to head back to my room then.”

Sheila sighed as she noticed Nina’s face sank.

She must be thinking about Chris, and how there was no chance of them working things out.

“Chris is such an idiot. How does he not like Nina? Is he blind or what? I sure hope he’s scammed by somebody, or—”

“Sheep, what are you rambling on about? Have you been scammed by someone?”

“You!”

“Me? We’re man and wife. You cannot curse me like that. Besides, how does me getting scammed benefit you in any way?”

“Hopefully your brain is going to get smarter after getting scammed by somebody. Actually, the fact that you can stop hanging out with those good-for-nothing friends will benefit me so much more!”

Speechless, Davin gave her an incredulous look. Just when he was thinking of how to refute her, Sheila changed the topic and asked him something out of the blue.

“Davin, have you ever mentioned that Chris has once saved you because of Nina? Do you think there’s a chance that he likes her?”

“Why do you bring him up all of a sudden. Besides, why would I know if he has any feelings for Nina or not?”

“I talked to Nina yesterday and I noticed that Nina still has feelings for him. If the feeling is mutual, then... he might be able to fulfil one of Nina’s wishes.”

“What wish?”

“I’m not going to tell for the time being. I’m going to send someone to investigate what Chris is doing.” Then, Sheila got up to head upstairs to make a call.

Davin’s brows creased. Sheep, why do you keep doing things on a whim?

The Hidden Masters reported their findings to Kyle the next day in the afternoon.

“Mr. Seet, you asked us to investigate how Monica was poisoned. We’ve found out about it. Here is some detailed information about it. Please take a look.”

Darius handed over the information to Kyle. Much to the latter’s surprise, Monica was also injected with the poison, and by a man, no less.

A man whom she loved.

Kyle was quite surprised to find out about it.

He read through the report word by word, and his expression turned grim as the pages turned.

Monica was a pitiful and vengeful woman with extreme measures. Kyle thought she must have behaved the way she was because she had never experienced the warmth of family. Her lack of sense of security had led her to resort to extreme measures to protect herself.

However, the woman whom she fell in love with was really mediocre at best. The man had injected her with the poison as a revenge.

Kyle could not help but lament at their twisted fate.

“Find out where her boyfriend is right now, and question him on the origin, as well as the antidote to the poison.”

“Yes, Mr. Seet.”

The Hidden Masters left, and Kyle decided to visit Nina.

He headed out of the study and noticed that Nina’s door was shut tight.

Maya walked out of her room and whispered to Kyle, “Maybe the poison in her body is making her feel really lethargic. Don’t wake her up. Let her sleep for a while.”

“Okay, Maya. You need to keep close tabs on her. Let me know right away if anything happens.”

“Sure.”

Then, they noticed Davin and Sheila heading out of their rooms. The two of them were discussing about Chris.

Kyle knew nothing of the man, but Maya knew everything there was to know about him.

“Aunt Sheila, Uncle Davin, are you guys talking about the man whom Nina has a crush on?”

“Maya, let me ask you this: Has Nina ever mentioned him to you? Does she still like Chris?” Sheila asked.

Maya thought for a moment and shook her head. “No.”

Davin then lamented. “Some things are better left unsaid. The more she is reluctant to bring him up, the more likely she still has feelings for him.”

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“Davin Seet, it seems like you’re quite well-versed in the matter huh. I haven’t heard you mention Renee in a while. So, are you hopelessly in love with her as well?”

"Sheep, don't try to corner me. What happened between Renee and I was in the past. If I truly have feelings for her, I can actually just choose to spend the rest of my life with her. I don't see the point of marrying you then. Why are you doubting me, by the way?"

Sheila regarded him from head to toe as her mind went into overdrive contemplating how sincere he was.

Davin let out a sigh. "You really like to make your own assumptions and accuse me of things you make up in your mind. I swear I no longer have feelings for Renee!"

"Really?"

"No truer words have been spoken," Davin said adamantly.

Sheila was amused by his deadpan expression. "I'm going to believe you for the time being. If I find out you're doing anything fishy behind my back, I'm going to make sure to teach you a good lesson."

"Don't worry. I'm not that kind of man."

"Great. Let's come back to Nina."

Sheila then steered the focus back on Nina and Chris' issue.

"I think we have to go along with Nina's wishes and make her happy for the time being. Since she still has a crush on Chris, let's just ask him to spend more time with her."

Davin shot her an incredulous look. "Chris is the de facto inheritor of the K Enterprise. Do you think he will just play along and spend more time with Nina just because you tell him to? Besides, didn't Nina say that he's already found a new girlfriend? Even if he agrees to be a two-timer, do you think his girlfriend will just give him her blessing? Nina is not the kind of woman who is willing to be the third wheel in a relationship either!"

Sheila hugged her arms and peered at him. "You're not a know-it-all. Chris just told Nina that he no longer needed her help as he already found someone to help him. He only mentioned that the woman was older than Nina. There was no mention that the woman was his girlfriend either. Nina just assumed that she was his girlfriend. Actually, I already called Uncle Morris to confirm that Chris could not find anyone to help him out. As for the competition between him and his two sisters, Chris suffered a total loss."

"He did not? Then why didn't he let Nina help him?"

"I think he doesn't want to put Nina in danger. His two sisters will not let Nina off the hook if she had stayed behind in K Nation to help him out. I think that he'd rather lie to her than endanger her."

Davin and Maya fell silent as they had not expected that Chris to be that considerate towards Nina. In other words, didn't it mean that he was putting Nina well above his pursuit of fame and fortune?

"Is this rascal the type to give up on fame and fortune for his beloved?" Davin sighed.

"I think it's very likely." Sheila nodded her head. "Uncle Morris mentioned that his two sisters have stripped Chris of most of his influence and seized control over K Enterprise. The man's really in between a rock and a hard place right now."

"Um... Since he's so considerate toward Nina, should we let him know about her condition right now?"

Kyle was befuddled by the ongoing discussion of the group and asked, "Wait a minute, I'd like to know how this Chris guy is related to Nina?"

"Let's go to the study. We'll explain everything to you."

They went to the study. Kyle finally understood the whole picture after they divulged everything to him. He agreed that Nina would be pleased to have Chris around.

However...

"I think we'd better not mention Nina's poisoning to him."

"Why?" Maya gave Kyle a puzzled look.

She thought that Chris might offer to accompany Nina if he knew about the poisoning.

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Kyle explained his stance, "I think he will feel morally obliged to accompany Nina if he knows about the poisoning. In turn, he might spend time with Nina out of moral obligation. If Nina has gotten better after this, and Chris no longer feels morally obliged to sympathize with her, then Nina might fall even deeper into the rabbit hole. What will we do about the situation then? Sympathy is not love after all."

"Kyle, what do you mean?"

"Just let him know how Nina feels toward him and don't mention the poisoning. Let him make the judgement on his own. We need to make sure that he's truly willing to spend time with Nina."

Davin and Sheila exchanged glances after listening to him. Nevertheless, they tacitly thought that Kyle was really rational and mature when it came to relationships.

"It's settled, then. I will ask Avril to ask how Chris truly feels about her."

"Will Avril really help you out? I heard that she's aggressively pursuing Sir Musgrave recently," Davin gossiped.

Sheila rolled her eyes at him and said, "That's why we need to ask for her help and divert her attention!"

Then, Sheila called Avril. The latter heartily agreed to help out. However, her only condition was that Nicole had to put in a good word for her in front of Stephen as she was helping out Nicole's daughter after all.

"All right. I promise you on behalf of Nicole. Don't worry, she'll put in a good word for you."

"Okay, then. I'm going to meet Chris right now."

"We await your good news."

Davin then cast a concerned look over at Sheila. "I think it's inappropriate that you ask her to go."

"Why?"

"Well, you know her. She's not the type to hold her tongue and think over her actions. What if she infuriates Chris? What's going to become of Chris and Nina then?"

Sheila rolled her eyes at Davin yet again. Idiot, what do you know?

Even if Avril was only helping Nina out in hopes of getting Nicole to put in a good word for her in front of Stephen, Avril had everything to gain to matchmake Chris and Nina. Even if Chris did not harbor any feelings toward Nina, Avril would definitely rack her brains out trying to get him to Nina's side.

"Quit worrying. Just wait for the good news."

Avril was Murphy's daughter, and Murphy had close relations with K Nation tycoons. Hence, it was a piece of cake for Avril to meet Chris.

After knowing that Chris was at K Enterprise, Avril proposed a meetup on the grounds of a potential collaboration.

"Hello, Mr. Sanders."

"Ms. Morris, what brings you here today?"

Avril regarded him seriously and asked, "Mr. Sanders, I heard that you have a crush on Nina Lane. Is that true?"

Chris' face stiffened. He had not expected anyone to bring the matter up, and to his face, nonetheless. "This is a private matter."

"I understand. However, if I was not entrusted by someone, I wouldn't have asked you this question either. To my understanding, you decided to make use of Nina back then, but something happened between the two of you, and you decided to head back to K Nation instead. Nina came all the way here and wanted to help you out and you rejected her offer. You told her a white lie to make her leave so as not to endanger her. Is that correct?"

"What are you trying to say?" Chris regarded her with his deep-set obsidian gaze.

"I'm saying that you actually still have feelings for Nina. Maybe you only thought about using her in the beginning, but you fell for her as time went by. You did not expect that to happen either, did you?"

Chris said nothing as his eyes darkened and his hands clutched tighter on his cup.

Avril was delighted by his reaction as it validated her guess. Chris still had feelings for Nina. If that was the case, then it would be easy to deal with the following matter.

"Just pursue her if you still like her. I think you're well aware of her feelings for you too, especially considering the fact that she came all the way to K Nation to help you out. Why choose to live in regret when the feeling is mutual for both of you?"

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Chris understood what Avril was trying to say.

However, Nina was only sixteen years old. She had an exciting and fulfilling life ahead of her. Chris thought that maybe she had yet to meet her destined fate and that he might not be the one for her.

Avril was starting to get exasperated at the deafening silence stretching between them. She let out a sigh and continued to persuade him.

“Do you think Nina is not a good match for you? You know her inside out, especially her family background and capabilities. Her aptitude for the makeup industry is more than enough to make her an excellent match for you. I don’t think it is possible for you to meet another woman who will love you as much she does in the future. Most importantly, whether you admit it or not, you do have feelings for her. You’re a man, for goodness’ sake. Just grow a pair and go for her!”

It’s not that I don’t want to go after her, I just don’t think that I should.

“Nina... she has a bright future ahead of her.”

He lowered his head and stared down at the table in front of him as he tried to conceal the conflicted feelings storming inside of his chest.

Chris loved Nina, and he hoped for nothing but the best for her. After a few years, when Nina knows better, she will find someone better suited for her, and they will spend the rest of their lives in bliss.

Avril saw that Chris was spiraling further into his own presumptions, and decided to take a different approach.

“Chris, do you think you’re so great by choosing to let her go? Are you really happy letting the love of your life slip away just like that? Do you have any idea how excruciating it is for Nina to try and suppress her feelings for you every single day, all because you think it’s for her own good? Right, you love her, so you should understand how tormenting it feels to suppress that kind of love. You’re not a great man at all, Chris. In fact, you’re a coward!”

Even though Avril’s words were harsh, every single word hit Chris hard. He knew deep down that he was a coward.

Avril continued to make her case after noticing that he was listening. “Actually, you have a fair chance of winning in the power struggle against your two sisters. You only feel like you’re not on a level playing field because of your cowardice. If you’d just be more courageous and protect Nina like she’s your wife, she will be able to help you out in the battle against your two sisters. Just man up!”

Then, Avril got up and left. She paused and stopped right at the entrance of the office. Then, she turned around and looked at him sternly. “If your cowardice leads to you and Nina ending up with people who are not destined to be together with the two of you, then both of you will live the rest of your lives in regret, hoping that you could turn back time and make the right decision right now.”

Her words hung in the air as she turned back around to leave.

A storm raged in Chris' heart as the air went still with silence.

He was trying hard to suppress the feelings raging within him. However, Avril's words had managed to stir it all again.

Nina likes me.

I like Nina too.

It is really not easy for two people to develop mutual feelings for each other, right? Should I muster the courage to hold onto it?

Chris was at a loss with what to do as he battled with himself.

The night fell, and he went back home. He sat in his study and stared at the reports spread out before him blankly.

Avril's words echoed in his mind. Then, he reminisced the times he spent with Nina as waves of emotions washed over him.

Nina must have struggled as she battled herself on the decision to come to K Nation to see him. It must have not been easy for her to convince her parents either.

However, Chris felt remorseful for lying to her.

She must really hate me right now.

He stared out into the darkness out the window and wondered what Nina was doing.

After hesitating for almost half a day, his impulse won the battle and he gave Nina a call.

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Nina was surprised to see the caller ID.

Why is Chris calling me?

In the afternoon, Sheila told her that Chris did not actually find an assistant, and that he actually refused her help because he wanted to protect her.

Nina could not help but wonder if Chris was truly looking out for her, or that he hated her so much that he did not want her help even if he could not find an assistant?

She did not have the courage to decide which was the reason that led to his decision.

Love had the power to drive anyone to overthink, and to ruminate and second-guess every single detail.

Nina's heart pounded as she looked at the caller ID. The surprise at seeing his name was undeniable. In the end, she hesitantly picked up the call.

"Hello—"

A familiar voice rang in Chris' ears. He was stumped by the fact that her single word was enough to warm his heart.

"Nina, it's me. Are you doing fine?"

Nina thought his voice sounded deeper than she remembered it to be. Maybe it's because we haven't talked in a long time. Nina's heart skipped a beat. She had listened to the voice countless times in her dreams that it made her question the surreal moment.

"I— I am doing okay. How about you?"

Chris paused for a moment. "I'm fine too."

Silence stretched between the two. They were equally excited to be hearing each other's voice, but at the same time were at a loss of what to say.

In the end, Chris broke the silence. "Nina, I'm going back to the country for a business trip these few days. Are you available to hang out sometime?"

"Sure!" Nina answered in a heartbeat, then she silently cursed herself for being too outright with him. Then, she hurriedly added, "You're my teacher after all. I should treat you to a meal. Just give me a call when you're in town."

"Sure." Chris could not conceal the glee in his tone either. "Nina, are you busy with schoolwork lately?"

"I'm okay. It's just that I feel really lethargic lately. Uncle Davin has applied for holidays for me to stay at home and rest."

"I see. You'd better listen to him and take a good rest. Nina, do you have anything you want in particular? I'll bring it to you."

Nina thought for a moment and said, "Nothing, really. Thanks, though."

"Then I'll give you a call when I'm back home."

"Okay."

Nina beamed with delight after hanging up the phone. She confirmed the caller ID multiple times and pinched herself to make sure that she was not dreaming. Chris really called me!

The girl smiled from ear to ear in anticipation of Chris' arrival.

The next day, the Hidden Masters came to the Imperial Garden to meet Kyle.

The four of them fanned out before the desk as they regarded him with respect.

Even though Kyle was still an adolescent, the elegant air surrounding him was unmistakable. The Hidden Masters even thought that his brilliance even surpassed that of Evan's. Hence, they had nothing but respect for the young man.

"Have you guys found out anything?"

"Yes, Mr. Seet. Monica was poisoned by her boyfriend, and it's a type of bone erosion poison. To develop the antidote, we would require a few rare herbs, and it would not be easy to get our hands on them."

"What herbs?"

"Resurrecting Herb from Wicked Hill, Exquisite Flower from Jade Hill, and Crystal Rose from Nepenthe Valley."

Kyle's eyes darkened. When he was on the way to the secret base, he heard people talking about the Resurrecting Herb and Exquisite Flower. They were two extremely rare herbs, and a number of people had lost their lives trying to obtain them. It would be an arduous task to procure the herbs.

But, what's Crystal Rose? Kyle had never heard of it.

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"Kyle, we will go and search for those herbs. We will definitely be able to get them so that we can save Ms. Nina."

"Yes, we will do everything we can in order to find them."

Damien looked at Jeremy and Darius and said, "

"The two of you are too anxious. It is not easy to find these herbs. Moreover, we don't even know what they look like. Shouldn't we find out about that before we leave? That will at least help to speed up the search, right?"

"Damien is right. Let's find out more about the herbs first." Kyle immediately opened up his laptop to begin his research on these few herbs.

While they still managed to get some vague information on the first two herbs, they were not able to locate any information at all when it came to the third one, Crystal Rose.

Why was this Crystal Rose so mysterious? There was also barely any information on Nepenthe Valley.

Suspicion rose in Kyle's face. One by one, the Hidden Masters felt anxious when they saw him staring at the computer monitor coldly.

Jeremy asked him quietly but cautiously, "Mr. Kyle, are you able to find anything?"

Kyle shook his head. "I can't find any information on Crystal Rose at all. Looks like it will take a lot of work to find it."

"Then, what about Resurrecting Herb and Exquisite Flower?"

"I managed to find some potentially useful information on them."

"In that case, we will go and find these two herbs first, Mr. Kyle," Darius said.

Damien glanced at him and said, "We need to get all three ingredients together before we can create the medicine. The first two herbs shouldn't be too hard to locate since we were able to find information about them. Hence, the most important thing is this Crystal Rose. Our focus should be placed on the search for this herb, and not the other two."

"That's true. Let's split up the work. Two of us will continue the research on Crystal Rose while the other two will go and find Resurrecting Herb and Exquisite Flower."

Kyle fell silent for a while as he did not agree with Jensen's suggestion.

They did not seem to realize how rare and valuable these few herbs were.

Based on the information, it may take more than two people to bring the herbs back safely. Throughout their journey, they might meet countless obstacles and dangers. Many people have sacrificed their lives in the bid to obtain these two herbs.

"Alright, Jeremy and Jensen will lead a team of bodyguards to Wicked Hill to search for Resurrecting Herb. Damien and Darius will lead another team to Jade Hill to search for Exquisite Flower. Let me handle Crystal Rose."

"Mr. Kyle, you are going to put yourself in so much danger," Jeremy said worriedly.

"Yeah, Mr. Evan and Mrs. Seet will be very worried if they find out about this. They will definitely not agree with you," Darius continued.

Kyle knew about the dangers involved but right now, it was more important to save Nina. He did not have the confidence to send someone else in his place who could locate Crystal Rose and bring it back at the same time.

What can I say to Daddy and Mommy if anything happened to Nina?

"That's decided then. Go back and make the necessary preparations. It would be best to begin your journey tomorrow," Kyle ordered them with a booming voice.

Even though the Hidden Masters had their own worries, they knew better than to speak up.

After they left Imperial Garden, they huddled together and began to discuss the matter.

"Do you think Mr. Kyle will be in danger?"

"We can't find anything on Crystal Rose and I am very worried too. If anything happens to Mr. Kyle, Mr. and Mrs. Seet will be really sad."

"Not just the two of them, but everyone from the Seet family will be heartbroken."

"So what should we do? Should we tell Mr. Seet about this?"

"They are traveling and Mrs. Seet is pregnant. We can't risk Mrs. Seet's health by telling them about this! That's not a responsibility that we can afford to bear!"

"What do we do then? At this rate, only Mr. Seet can stop Mr. Kyle."

The Hidden Masters discussed their strategies with sullen faces. Finally, they decided to have Davin come up with an excuse about an office emergency so that they could force Kyle to stay back.

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“This is all that we can do right now. I wonder if Mr. and Mrs. Seet are having a good time? When will they be back?”

“It will be another few months before Mr. Seet comes back. Didn’t he say that he would only be back right before Mrs. Seet gives birth?”

The four of them continued chatting as they headed to the car.

Meanwhile, Evan did not know whether to laugh or cry when he saw Nicole attempting to behave coquettishly.

Pregnant women do not only have weird tastes. In fact, even their personalities take a strange turn!

Yesterday, he brought Nicole to a popular sightseeing spot, but she seemed rather distracted. In fact, she claimed to have heard Maya and Nina calling out to her. He felt that it was because she had never been apart from the children and was overly worried about them. It took him some time to talk her out of those feelings.

Today, from the moment she woke up, she suddenly proclaimed that she was homesick and wanted to go home. Then, she began vomiting. After that, she told him decisively, “Evan, I can’t take it anymore, and I can’t go around with you anymore. I think it would be best for us to go home immediately. All I want is to open my eyes to find out that we are back in Imperial Garden, in our huge bedroom and our white fluffy bed.” After that, she began dry heaving again.

After vomiting, she pointed at her belly righteously and said, “Look, this little one thinks the same way. He wants to go back too.”

Evan frowned and looked at her. “Do you really want to go back?”

“Yes! We have been traveling so much and this little one in my stomach is beginning to protest. This must be why I have been feeling so unwell. Evan, now that I am pregnant, could you respect me as a pregnant woman when I say that I don’t want to travel so much anymore?” Nicole pleaded with Evan.

Apart from nausea and general discomfort, she was really homesick for some unfathomable reasons. She missed the children and the desire to go home grew stronger by the day.

Evan had never seen Nicole behave this way before. He had just assumed that she was just experiencing general discomfort from the pregnancy. After all, the main objective of their travels was to make her happy.

If she was not having fun, there was no point to insist on this trip.

He thought about it and finally pinched her face affectionately before saying, "Fine, we will listen to this little one and go home."

"Really? Alright, you book our tickets now."

"Now?"

"Yes, the sooner the better."

Evan looked at her impatient look and nodded. Since he had decided to spoil her, he decided to just follow her heart's desire.

He then immediately logged online to book their return tickets.

After that, Nicole finally felt comforted. *Mommy will be reuniting with you very soon, Nina, Maya, and Kyle.*

And how is Juan doing at school? When will he be home?

"Alright, you can go and rest for a while. I'll pack up the luggage and we can head to the airport straight away."

"Alright. Thank you."

Nicole kissed Evan's handsome face which immediately melted the frostiness from his face. In its place was a charming smile instead. It gave him motivation as he packed. Actually, he missed the children too. *I wonder if they will be surprised to see us?*

Imperial Garden.

When Davin found out that Kyle was going to risk his life to go and search for Crystal Rose, he could not help but be worried as all sorts of ominous thoughts appeared in his mind.

If he failed to get Crystal Rose and landed himself in danger, Nina could not be saved either. It would be two lives in danger!

That thought made his heart clench suddenly.

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If they could find Crystal Rose successfully, Nina would then be saved and that would be a cause for celebration.

This thought helped him relax a little.

I wonder which will be more possible? That'll depend on how accessible Crystal Rose is.

He looked at the Hidden Masters and asked them this question out loud.

Jeremy sighed. "Mr. Davin, if it were that easy to locate it, would Mr. Kyle need to search for it personally? We are so worried precisely because it is so rare. This is why we are hoping that you could stop him."

"Is it that hard to find Crystal Rose?"

"Yes. Mr. Kyle has been trying to find out more information but he has not managed to find anything. Hence, it must be extremely difficult to find it."

Davin's face fell. In that case, the first possibility seemed to be more likely. Both Kyle and Nina could...

No, no, I can't allow something like this to happen.

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"Don't worry, I won't allow Kyle to put himself in this kind of danger."

"Mr. Davin, it's all up to you now. Hopefully, you can advise him against doing that."

Davin glanced at Jensen and said, "Kyle's temperament is exactly like my brother's. I can't just advise him. I need to make something happen to stop him from going!"

"In that case, Mr. Davin, you have to come up with something really serious. Otherwise, he will be able to solve the small problems very quickly."

Davin flashed him a superficial smile. If I didn't know better, I would have thought that you were trying to stir up trouble!

“Don’t worry. I know what to do.”

With that, Davin rushed back to the office. After he found out what was happening, he worked together with a few board members to cause some trouble.

After his meticulous plan, Kyle was indeed stuck with the problems that had arisen and was not able to leave at that moment.

Kyle had the intention to let Davin settle the problem. However, Davin was the troublemaker after all. He managed to use all kinds of excuses to evade the responsibility.

Kyle could only sigh helplessly over how useless Davin was.

Davin looked up nonchalantly. He didn’t care whether he was seen as useless. The most important thing is to stop you from doing something dangerous and to protect your life, you little brat.

As your uncle, I am willing to take up the duty of searching for Crystal Rose in order to save Nina.

As Sheila and Sophia were still accompanying Nina, Davin stayed on at Imperial Garden too. When he returned to Imperial Garden, he told Sheila about his plan to search for Crystal Rose. However, all he could see was disapproval written all over her face.

“No, you can’t go. What am I going to do if anything happens to you?”

“If I don’t go, there will be no cure for Nina! As their uncle, I can’t just allow Kyle to put himself in danger! How will I ever explain this to my brother when he comes back?”

Sheila did not know how to respond to that, but she still did not want Davin to go.

“Listen to me, Sheila. I am much more older and experienced compared to Kyle. I will definitely be able to bring Crystal Rose back safely.”

Before Sheila could respond, the door was suddenly pushed open.

Bang! Their eyes were instantly drawn to the door.

“Kyle?”

“Kyle, aren’t you supposed to be in the office? Why did you turn up suddenly?”

Kyle glared at him coldly. “Were you the one who caused all the trouble in the office?”

Guilt flooded Davin's mind before he shook his head vehemently. "No, it wasn't me."

"Not you? Before I got here, I merely had some suspicions. After hearing what you said to Aunt Sheila, I think I have found the best evidence. You don't want me to go and search for Crystal Rose, and that is why you deliberately created the obstacles to prevent me from leaving, right?"