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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.

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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.

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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.

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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—"

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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?"

Nine 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."

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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.”

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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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