

Untitled
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Joseph sighed as he sat on his bed and looked around his plain bedroom. It was cold and it didn't help that there wasn't much furniture in there. The walls were an off white color almost like cream, a wooden dresser right by the door, and his plain bed with white sheets and a singular pillow. He sat there and thought for a while remembering what Katherine had said earlier today.

-FLASHBACK-

KATHERINE
Joseph-
(Katherine stopped)
I know it's been hard since the quarantine.
(pause)
....and since HER.

She emphasized the word "her". Almost like she was hurt by the thought of whom she was talking about.

JOSEPH
I don't know what you are talking about. He responded coldly. He had a distasteful look on his face like he ate something sour.
(He turned and looked at her in the eyes)

(Katherine looked at Joseph)

KATHERINE
I just think that we should start thinking about our future.
(She looked away and fiddled with her hands)

JOSEPH
(*HEM* COUGH)
I think that...
(pause)
We should wait for Katherine.
(pause again)

I know I said I wanted a family, but I just don't know if I can leave the town. This is all I have ever known. I grew up here, my family has too. Where would we go?

KATHERINE
(sighs in frustration)
I know Joseph, she said sternly.
Just think about it?
(pause)

Please, she begged.
(Katherine grabbed Joseph's hand)

Joseph shakes nodded his head

-End of flashback-

INT. BEDROOM

Joseph was again sitting in his room and started to remember all the good times he and his family had experienced in the town. His family died there and he felt like it was a mistake to leave what he felt like was everything behind. He stood up and decided to take a walk around the town.

EXT. TOWN

Joseph was walking in town. He looked amongst the people. He looked all over town and wondered what people were thinking. Ever since the watcher has been around nothing has really been the same. Everyone seemed to be careful of what they said and what they did. It felt like everyone was putting on a show. It *felt* like a puppet show.

(He thought to himself)

Why do these people stay in this town? Why are they okay with being watched all the time?

As he thought about it, he started to get angry. He felt this rage inside his chest. He again thought back to what Katherine had said. He started to imagine what life would be like outside of the town and what having a family would be like.

DREAM SEQUENCE. EXT.

(laughter)

LILY

PAPA!! Come play with me!!

(Lily giggling)

JOSEPH

Alright, I'm on my way!

(Joseph chuckles)

RAWRRRR

LILY

(Lily screams)

AHHHH

Don't eat me please papa!!!

(Katherine then comes into the picture.)

KATHERINE

What in the world is going on here?

(Katherine laughs while putting her hands on her hips)

JOSEPH

We are just playing, woman.

(Joseph looks over to Lily)

Isn't that right sweetheart?

Lily nods.

END OF DREAM SEQUENCE.

Joseph snaps back into reality and heads over back to town hall.

I have to get out of here. He says to himself. He started to walk and approached the white medium sized building with black windows and covered in growing moss along the side. He went through the door and made sure to close it tightly so no one could get in. He then went into a room. The room was full of shelves all full of books of the town and stories and there was a desk with a black statue on it. As he stepped inside, he looked around to see if anyone was watching, and he pulled the statue. As soon as he pulled it the door to one of the shelves seemed to open up. He stepped forward and there seemed to be stairs, and he started to go down the stairs.

THUMP, THUMP, THUMP

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THUMP, THUMP, THUMP

As he reached the end of the stairs, he was approached by this smell, like old leather books. It gave him a sense of comfort. He stepped forward and there was a little string dangling from the ceiling.

CLICK

The room then lit up. There were boxes full of papers and pictures. For hours it seemed like he went rummaging through boxes and boxes. Then all of a sudden he stumbled upon a picture. It was a picture of the old town founders. They were all standing in the middle of the woods with a banner above but he couldn't quite make out the words. It was too blurry. Then he saw with the corner of his eyes he saw a bridge. He dropped the picture and ran up the stairs immediately. He then went to go find Katherine. He went all over town looking and looking around for her. Until they saw each other and locked eyes.

(Katherine and Joseph look at each other)

He gave her a look and both secretly went into the woods.

KATHERINE

Joseph

(pause)

I have to tell you something

(Katherine looks away)

I'm expecting.

Joseph widens his eyes. He then looks down at her stomach. He grabs her and spins her.

JOSEPH

You've made me the happiest man alive

HAHAHAHA

JOSEPH

That's what I wanted to talk to you about.

(Pause)

We have to leave Bridged Valley. For the sake of our child. Look.

(He paused and looked around)

I found this picture of the old town mayor. Now we all know that there is a way out with the bridge, but we can only see it at certain times. From now on, I will come and try to catch the bridge and then once I discover it. I will find you again. and we will leave town together. How does that sound?

KATHERINE

I'm worried, Joseph, the watcher is always watching. What if we don't make it?

(Katherine puts her hands on her head and shakes it)

JOSEPH

Look, we will make it he looked at her straight in the eyes.

(Joseph grabs Katherine's hands)

JOSEPH

I promise you.

(Katherine looks at Joseph with worry in her eyes and then nods her head)

As they depart from the woods to get back, Joseph starts making a plan of what time he can find the bridge. He heads back to town and heads for the town hall to get some good rest for the day. When he comes back, it is nightfall, and he plans on going right when the sun starts to rise. He prepares his clothing, goes to eat and then heads to bed. The next morning he realizes the sun is shining like a star. He immediately rushes and puts on his clothes and heads out. As he runs out to the woods, he is greeted by

many people and it makes him even more late to get there. Once he finally reached the woods he knew it was already too late the bridge was no longer in sight.

ARGH

Joseph said in frustration. He kicked a tree and then looked at wondered if he could just stay the night there. He headed back to the town hall and then retrieved some items he needed to stay the night in the woods. Before leaving he decided to go and find the picture of when he saw the bridge and the town founders. When he went to open the secret room he found it odd that it was slightly opened. He had thought he closed it but he just shrugged off the thought since he was always so forgetful. He went downstairs and when he went to look for the picture it was no longer there. He had sworn it was there but he had no time to find it anymore. He decided it was time to just stay the night and see when it will appear again. He headed back to the woods and then what seemed like forever he waited and waited. He soon dozed off to sleep and when he woke up the sun was just starting to come out. As he opened his eyes it was very foggy so he rubbed them to get a better look. That is when he finally saw it. The bridge. It appeared before his eyes and he fell onto his knees. He felt the happiest person in the world. He quickly got up and decided to go find Katherine. He gathered his things and went back into town. As he went back to town he decided it was better off leaving his items there in the woods so no one suspected anything of him. He soon reached town and spotted Katherine. He approached her and then said he needed to talk to her. They went back to town hall to talk.

KATHERINE
What is it, love?

JOSEPH
I have found it.
(Joseph looked around)

JOSEPH
We must leave tonight. You must gather all your things and we have to leave this is our only opportunity.

KATHERINE
Omg my goodness, she said with happy tears in her eyes. We are finally getting what they wanted.
(Katherine hugged Joseph)

JOSEPH
Tonight we leave.
(Joseph hugged Katherine and they departed)

Joseph waited for Katherine to come back as he stayed to no longer waste time. It was until nightfall she had come back with her items and they both waited for the sun to rise yet again so they could cross together. Both of them fell asleep hugging each other trying to keep eachother warm. It was then that Joseph woke up and noticed the sun coming up.

JOSEPH

Katherine! Wake up, the sun is about to rise, this is our only chance!! He said as he shook her.

She rubbed her eyes and quickly got ready to leave. Both of them saw the bridge appearing before their eyes. They looked at each other then back at the bridge and got up and ready to leave. He grabbed her hand and grabbed their belongings and then crossed the bridge together. That was the very last time anyone had heard about them.