

Soyi Bellarose could never, in his life, be considered 'normal' or 'traditional' by any stretch of the imagination. He never truly fit in with anything that was expected of him--be it school, home, or society. He was the wild child of the family, and did what he pleased. The only person who could ever truly 'keep him in line' was his brother, Lohi.

Soyi cherished Lohi above all else. The Bellarose Twins were practically inseparable, and Soyi would do anything for his brother's happiness--even if it meant crossing the line of what was considered 'morally acceptable' or even 'legal'. That was why, when Lohi decided that he wanted to enroll in medical school, Soyi decided that he would do whatever it took to make his brother's dream a reality.

Of course, that desire for his brother's happiness would wind up putting him in a position that wouldn't be easy for him to get out of--and could possibly get him killed if the wrong thing happened.

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Soyi had noticed them first--the red 'R' that belonged to Team Rocket was easy to spot from just about anywhere. As such, that made them easy to track as they moved through Unova. Their destination was none other than Icirrus City, where a former Rocket turncoat was now hiding away and needed to be dealt with.

By the time Soyi had managed to catch up, the group that was assigned to deal with the traitor had already cornered them but had yet to deal with him properly--despite him being the only one in the home at the time. Soyi noticed that a gun had been kicked toward the open door, and everyone in Icirrus City seemed to have locked their doors and closed their curtains.

*No one* wanted to get Rocket's attention.

Of course, what no one in the group of Rocket Grunts was expecting was for a gunshot to ring out--the target they were dealing with would go limp, and glances to the door would see Soyi standing there with the still-smoking gun in his hands. In his mind, he felt they needed the help, and he viewed it as a way to get what *he* wanted.

"What the hell's a kid doin' here?"

"Call the boss. He's gonna want to hear this."

"What about the kid?"

"He can sit tight. It's gonna be a long trip back to the rendezvous point."

That was how Soyi found himself suddenly flanked by Rocket grunts as they made their way back to Castelia. By the time they got within the city, darkness had fallen. No one was out and about, and as such no one would notice that a member of the Bellarose family was with Rocket. It wouldn't be long before Soyi would be brought face to face with none other than the Kingpin himself, Giovanni--who looked to be sizing this kid up as he was given a briefing on what had occurred.

To think that this kid accomplished what the grunts *couldn't*. Giovanni had to admit that he was impressed--and that was when he laid out the offer for Soyi to join Team Rocket, with the promise of giving him whatever he asked for in exchange for absolute loyalty and obedience. Soyi readily accepted, although what he asked for definitely caught a few people by surprise.

"I want money to put my brother through medical school. I don't care about anything for myself, but he means *everything* to me."

Thus, Soyi would begin leading his 'double life'--doing jobs for Team Rocket while simultaneously hiding his activities from his family, which was something he was surprisingly good at. He became Giovanni's favored 'toy' over time, and he would break himself mentally and emotionally just to keep the boss happy. It was routine, and he refused to complain about the situation that he himself had gotten into.

He'd managed to keep everything secret from his family, all except for one person. Lohi knew something was up with his brother, but whenever he was asked for any information regarding Soyi, the response would always be the same--in the same curt tone, as well.

"I'm *not* my brother's keeper."

It was something he truly believed. He wasn't responsible for whatever mess that Soyi had gotten himself into, nor was he obligated to keep tabs on his twin and get him out of trouble. That was... until the day Lohi found out the truth of everything--of where the money for medical school came from, and who Soyi was now associated with. That truth now put Lohi in a tough situation.

On one hand, Lohi was obligated to report this information to the father of the twins--Hiro--because of the amount of illegal activities that Soyi was now caught up in. On the other... that was *Soyi*, and Lohi was nothing if not loyal to his twin despite all the trouble that he somehow managed to get himself into. In the end, that loyalty won out, and Lohi would wind

up keeping quiet for the sake of Soyi's own safety. At that moment, the thoughts of the Bellarose twins were one and the same:

*"I **am** my brother's keeper."*