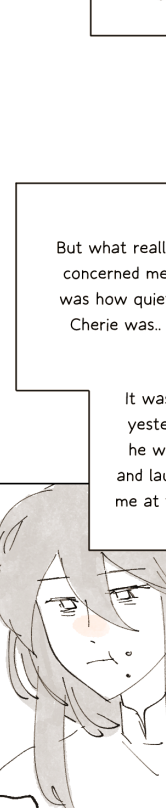


After that, we went to eat at the village and set foot to the Palace.



There was nothing left of Cherie's house anymore

So he packed light.

But what really concerned me was how quiet Cherie was..

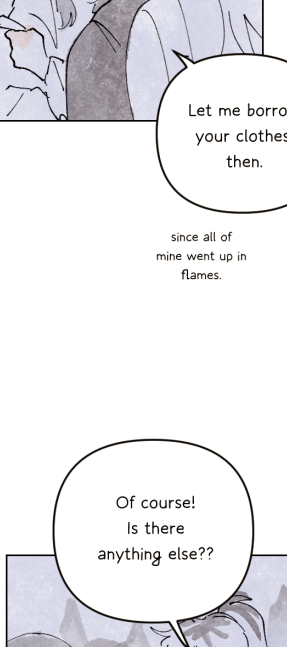
It was just yesterday that he was smiling and laughing with me at the market.



I wish I could've done something for him.

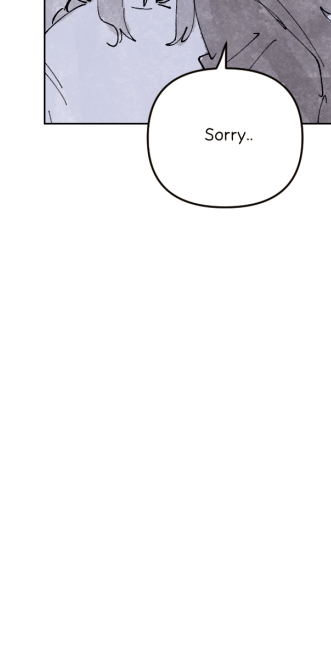
The way to the Palace is about 7 days worth of travel.

The next town is quite far away, so we might have to camp tonight.



Is that okay? You can use my belongings

Thanks.. But I'll be fine.



We can keep going.

But..



..you're not fine!

You just lost everything..



Please at least let me do this for you..

Jeeze.. You look like you're the one with the burnt down house instead.

Fine, have it your way.



Let me borrow your clothes, then.

since all of mine went up in flames.

Of course! Is there anything else??



Anything else at all?

Well, unless you can rebuild the house for me, I don't think there's much else right now.



Sorry..

Ugh, stop looking so guilty! I hate it when people pity me.



Go get me some water then, we're running low.

Water?



Yeah, we're in the middle of the forest. Go forage!

Maybe catch me some fishes, too while you're at it. I'm pretty sure there's a river just up North.



O-Okay..!

Anything else?

Anything else? What else?



Come back in one piece, I guess.

Okay! Just take a rest, Cherie!



I'll be back as soon as I can!!



Hah..

I know he just wants to help, but..

Unless he can build me a new house and farm, there's nothing else he can do to fix it.



What else can I do in this situation except feel bad?

I'm practically homeless.

After the initial shock went away, I started to feel empty..

I knew that house was one bad storm away from collapsing.



Truth be told, I was always gonna get a new place.

But I couldn't just leave..

After my parents passed away.



My sister raised me all by herself in that house..