Segreti rivelatori in un giardino delle rose

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The third story.

Well, Seto is growing irritated with Kay's constant pranks on him. What happens when he learns about Kay and her past?

Title means, "Secrets Revealed in a Garden of Roses"

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1 - Hepatica - Anger

Seto was growing fed up. He stormed outside, hearing the familiar taunting laughter of Kay and Mokuba. They has played yet another "harmless" prank on him. And it was past frustration now, he was friggin mad.

They had somehow made a banana cream pie explode in his face. EXPLODE!!!

He wiped off some some extra cream furiously and slammed the door behind him. Seto marched off the back porch and out into the lush garden he and Mokuba had kept. It was amazing and huge. A rainbow of colors and perfume was around him.

He looked around and saw a small patch of blue Hepatica growing next to some Asphodel. He remembered planting those in honor of his parents, the flowers meaning the mourning of death, and the Hepatica out of anger for how cruel Gozaboru was.



(This is a blue Hepatica.)

He looked around and found a patch of soil he had not grown anything on. Seto immediately went back to the house and found some seeds for Hepatica. He took them to the soil and planted five seeds. Now, he did not like letting people know he would sometimes garden, which is why nobody believes he has this lush jungle of a backyard.

But it did make him feel a bit better sometimes. Seto had only done a chunk of the garden. The rest was done by Mokuba and some servants. Still, he did use flower symbolism in some areas, here was another spot.

Hepatica- anger. He was angry at Kay for her constant pranks and making Mokuba join along. And he was angry because Mokuba liked her too much and if he fired her, Mokuba would be angry at him for a long time. DAMN IT!

He was stuck with that annoying blonde unless she convientiently moved away or until Mokuba stops liking her. And it looks like neither one would happen. That seriously sucks.

Seto shook his head and removed the dirt coated gloves on his hands and put away everything then dusted off his knees, which were lightly coated with dirt from kneeling on the ground.

"Kaiba-kun!" Kay called looking around. She saw him and held out the phone to him. "Phone call." He snatched it from her.

"Hello?" he said.

"Mr. Kaiba, can you come into the office. We have a virus in the virtual reality pod XJ7148-2."

"Alright, I'll be right there." He hung up the phone. "I need to go to work and fix one of my virtual reality pods. Where is my coat?"

"Here." Kay handed him his trench coat. "Take care of yourself, Kaiba-kun. Don't work too hard." She gave him one her typical smiles. He simply nodded and took his coat, secretly making sure she had not slipped in a spider or something before putting it on then he walked outside and into the limo.

He felt better after planting those Hepatica he felt better. Flowers that meant something can help release that feeling when planted or given as a gift, not that he intended to give a girl flowers...ever.

Well, he might give little miss Kay some Hepatica and a book on flower symbolism, or possibly some Begonia to represent darker thoughts. Then he thought of the Chrysanthemum for optimism and cheerfullness.

Feh, as if he'd ever give her a flower. She's get the wrong idea and although he wanted fangirls to attack her, he would get attacked but any boys in school who liked her or any other fangirls of his who were angry at him.

See? This is why he would never give any girls flowers. 1) They'd get the wrong idea. 2) How many seriously know what flowers symbolize? To all of them, it means love or affection. 3) He would be attacked by some of his crazier fangirls and any fanboys the of the girl he gave the flower to.

Romance causes nothing but chaos, no wonder he wasn't into it. He came up to Kaiba Corp. and went to the area with his protoype virtual reality pods. There were ten men in there, typing rapidly on the computers which controlled all four pods.

"Out of my way." Seto sat down and started typing then launched a special antivirus program only he knew about and within a half hour, the virus was gone.

"Excellant Mr. Kaiba."

"Don't act so excited, you fool. There has been damage to the pod. I have to reinstall the data of the virtual world and place a new memory drive in it. This could take at least an our, maybe two. Go and get me the data and a new drive."

"Yessir." Two men ran out of the room.



Seto got home at about seven. He was pretty tired. It had taken four hours to fix the pod and make sure it worked along with the other three. Mokuba was sitting on the living room couch, watching TV. He looked up and smiled.

"Nii-sama!" he said happily and then he ran over to hug Seto, who hugged him back.

"Hey kiddo. Where's Kay?"

"Making dinner."

"At this time?"

"She wanted to wait in case you got home early and had any requests for dinner." Seto rolled his eyes.

"She should know better than to wait."

"Well, she's making some German dish...I think she called it goulash and rice." Seto blinked. He had never heard of this.

Seto walked into the kitchen to see Kay stirring a pot on the stove. There was another pot with boiling water in it and bags of rice.

"Welcome home, Kaiba-kun!" she greeted with another smile before she continued stirring. "Dinner will be ready in about ten minutes. Don't tell me you are not hungry, I want you to eat."

"Kay, I don't need-"

"Yes you do." She looked at him firmly. "Look at you, you are like a stick. I won't have it. People must think you're anorexic or bulimic because you're so skinny." Seto shook his head.

"You sound like a worried mother, Kay. Don't worry about me."

"I do worry, Kaiba. Forgive me, but I have very strong maternal instincts and so long as you have me babysitting, I am not only going to nag Mokuba, but I'm also going to nag you. Now go and wash up for dinner." He rolled his eyes but left the kitchen.

Heh, that was an odd chappie. Well, await my update.

2 - Sycamore - Curiousity

Kay was walking with Mokuba and Seto in the park today. Seto was not sure why he was coming, but he was.

"Yugi, Kristen!" Kay called, running over to them. The two stopped walking and waved at her. Mokuba smiled and Seto maintained his emotionless expression.

"Wow, Kay-Chan is so happy, it's surprising."

"What do you mean?" Seto asked.

"Well, it's been over two months since-" Mokuba slapped a hand over his mouth as he realized what he was saying.

"Since what?" Seto asked him, voice still cold.

"Nothing!" Mokuba said, forcing a smile. "Nothing at all." Seto stared at him in suspicion then back at Kay, who has apparently said something to make Kristen and Yugi laugh.

He noticed a tree close to them. A Sycamore. He found this such a strange coincidence that Mokuba has struck his curiousity, and that tree meant curiousity. This week was just a week for symbolism.

"I'll be right back, Mokuba."

"Mmm-kay." Seto walked over to thhe singapore tree and took some of its fallen seeds and stuffed them in his pocket.



(This is what a Sycamore looks like)

"Kaiba-kun?" He turned to see Kay blinking at him, confused. "What are you doing?"

"Nothing, I thought I saw something over here."

"Oh, ok." Yugi and Kristen also looked confused.

"So are you two here alone?"

"Actually, we're meeting Cat, Anzu, Jounouchi, and Honda here."

"Well, be sure to tell them I said hi."

"Of course, Kay-Chan." She beamed and waved as she walked away with Seto. Mokuba was waiting

patiently for them. He took Kay's hand and Seto's hand and said,

"I want to go out for ice cream!" (LOL! XD No idea where that came from)

"I'm in!" Kay said.

"I'm not." Mokuba and Kay automatically gave Seto matching puppy dog faces. DAMN! Even he was not immune to those faces. "Grr...FINE! Just stop making that face." Kay and Mokuba automatically grinned at each other in success.

"Come on, let's go to Marble Slabs."

"Ooh, yeah. Seto's treat!" Mokuba cried.

"What?!" Seto said. Kay and Mokuba laughed then Kay released Mokuba s hand and took Seto's.

"Come on." They pulled him along with them to Marble Slabs. Seto was just in shock. He knew it was futile to resist those two when they wanted ice cream. That was just asking for trouble.

The lady at the cash register looked up.

"Mr. Kaiba!" she said, smiling. Mokuba smiled and waved at her.

"I convinced my big brother to come this time."

"Well, that is terrific. What would you like?"

"A chocolate parfait with three scoops of ice cream."

"Alright, Mr. Kaiba?"

"A scoop of lemon sherbet..." he mumbled. Mokuba beamed at him.

"And what would your girlfriend like?" the lady asked, smiling kindly at Kay. She smiled and blushed.

"Oh, I'm not his girlfriend. I'm more like his nanny. And I'll have two scoops of mint chocolate chip please."

"Mint chocolate chip?" Mokuba asked, looking at Kay curiously. She msiled and nodded.

"It's my favorite flavor in the world. I love the taste of mint."

"Wow, I never knew that." Kay shrugged and handed Mokuba his parfait, then took her ice cream while Seto took his.

Mokuba sat next to Seto at a table and Kay sat across from Mokuba. Seto was deep in thought while the

two talked.

He was not going to say anything like he CARED about Kay, but Mokuba had struck something that made him curious about her. What could he mean? Seto remembered a little more than a month ago, Kay had gone nuts and been so angry and depressed. He never learned why.

But after talking to Mokuba, she was back to herself. But...were those smiles of hers even real? He was not entirely sure. But...he knew some of them were real. Whenever he ate dinner with them on those rare occasions and told her that the food was ok, she would smile and her eyes would glow. The same when she was with her friends and they were happy too. She would beam and seem to glow.

But...in the park, there was no glow in her eyes. He was starting to wonder...had something bad happened to her? If so, what?

He also wondered something else, did she have any family other than Pegasus? Seto knew she lived alone. It was obvious. She had said it when he asked for a number to call her parents. She only told him to contact Pegasus.

Had her family died? His had died, and although he did not smile, he did not look sad about it. Maybe it was recent?

"Seto?"

He snapped out of his thoughts and looked at Kay and Mokuba, who were staring at him. They had finished their ice cream already.

"Are you alright, Kaiba-kun?"

"Yeah, just thinking."

"About what?"

"Y-...uranium, in the water supply..." he said curtly. **(Yes, I stole that from Spongebob)** She scratched her head.

"Ok...um, your ice cream is totally metled." He looked at his sherbet to see it reduced to ice cream soup. He sighed and simply threw it away.

"Let's just go home."

"You mean, the mansion?" she asked kindly. He felt sorta stupid.

"Yeah."

"Kay, you're there all the time, you might as well call it home." She laughed and shook her head.

"No no, Mokie. I have my own apartment, that's home. I don't like calling other places my home for some

reason because I get more attached."

"Is that bad?" She shrugged.

"It kinda depends." Mokuba did not question her further, but Seto wished he had. They got back to the mansion and Seto went bck out to his garden and planted the Sycamore seeds in a roomy area in the garden, next to another tree.

"Kaiba-Kun?" He jumped a bit and turned to see Kay looking at him. "What are you doing?"

"Nothing!" he said quickly, standing up. She walked over to the hole in the groun and stared at the seeds in it.

"...you know..." She bent down and smoothed the soul over the hole and watered the seeds with the watering pail he had brought. "It helps to actually finish planting the seeds."

"Yeah...that's obvious..." he mumbled. Kay shook her hands free of dirt.

"I love your garden, it's amazing."

"Most people don't know about it."

"Why not? This is something to take pride in."

"Eh, I take pride in enough. It's kinda like a secret to me."

"A secret garden? Like the book. Man, if your fangirls knew about this 'Seto Kaiba and the secret garden' they would die!" she said. Seto frowned a bit and Kay struck a preppy pose. "OMG!!! A secret garden that he will one day sweep me to and we will live a long happy life together because I am, like, the prettiest girl in school!" She striaghtened. "Can you guess who that was?"

Seto smiled a little bit. "Minako, so question."

"Ding ding ding, we have a winner."

"You just needed sluttier clothes and you would pass as a blonde clone of Minako." Kay shuddered,

"I would never want to be a clone of that slut. She's evil and cruel to me, just because I drew a picture of the Blue Eyes White Dragon the first day I came here." Seto blinked.

"I never knew that."

"Oh yeah. She thought it meant I liked you. She's an obsessed FREAK. Honestly, I just love the Blue Eyes White Dragon. Why else would I have it in my deck."

"Wait, you have a Blue Eyes in your deack?!"

"Three, actually. And the Blue Eyes Ultimate Dragon in my fusion deck."

"How did you get those cards?!"

"Uncle made them for me on my birthday." Seto stared at her.

"I did not even think you duel, let alone possess the Blue Eyes White Dragon." Kay laughed.

"Yes, I duel. I'm the German champion, baby." She smirked. "I even beat that gay wad Sigfreid." (That freaky gay GERMAN dude with the pink hair...I'm kinda insulted by him becuase I'm German. *Twitch twitch*)

"How come I never heard of it." Kay laughed.

"You think I used my real name? I wore a disguise and went under my middle name, Dalynn. And I did not use my Blue Eyes."

"Well, how about you and I duel?"

"Sounds like fun." Seto smirked.

"We can duel out here." He got out a phone and called one of the maids to bring two duel disks and his deck. Kay had her deck in her pocket and she took it out and put it in her duel desk when it arrived after shuffling. "Do you know how to work my duel disk?"

"Yes. I have practiced with Yugi's and Jounouchi's. By the way, Jounouchi is not very good. I didn't even need my dragons in my duel with him."

"And Yugi?"

"Haven't dueled him yet."

They released the hologram projectors and drew their decks.

"Duel."

Well, I'm going to fastforward to the end of the duel.

Seto had Curse of Dragon on the field, and Kay had Dark Els=f. They were both at 200 lifepoints.

"I play the field card, mountain." The hologram of mountains appeared and Curse of Dragon gained 200 lifepoints. "Looks like you lose, Kay. Curse of Dragon, attack!" The dragon released a fireball towards Kay's Dark Elf.

She smirked. "I play 'Just Desserts.' While it won't save me, it will cost you the last of your lifepoints, thereforethe duel is a draw." Dark Elf was destroyed and a ghostly hand zapped Seto of 500 points. Both were down to 0. "Well, good duel." The holograms disappeared and Kay took her deck out of her duel

disk and put it back in her pocket.

He was shocked. They had just TIED. (NOTE: I am pretty sure Just Desserts cannot be played during an opponent's Battle Phase, but it's a fanfic and anything is possible, just like in the show.)

"Kaiba-Kun? You ok?"

"Yes...just...surprised..." She shrugged.

"I guess I can't blame you. Well, I'm heading back home. See you tomorrow." she waved and walked away. Seto nodded and collected the duel disks then walked back inside.

HUZZAH! I was bored so you get two updated. Heck, you might get three today, Lord Knows. I hope you liked it.

3 - White Chrysanthemum ~ Truth

Another two weeks had passed and Seto was friggin pissed. Kay had some nerve- she had thrown a party in HIS mansion on Friday becuse there had been no school. (Read "What's Spin-the-Bottle?" for more detail) And why? To set up her stupid little friends.

And there she was, asleep with Mokuba on the couch. He carried Mokuba up to his room and when he walked back downstairs, the front door was closing and she was no longer there. He looked out the window to see her stretching as she walked towards to gate.

Kay got home and collapsed on her bed and looked to see she had two messages on her phone. She pressed play.

"Hi Kay, it's Alex. Listen, I just heard that there is a playwriting contest coming to town and I thought you'd be interested. Call me soon for the details. Later." Kay looked at the clock. It was almost eleven. Alex was probably asleep by now. Tomorrow was Saturday, she would call her then. Kay waited for the next message.

"Hi Kay-Chan, it's Cat. Yami, Kristen, and I wanted to go to the beach tomorrow and we were wondering if you wanted to come. We'll be meeting there at ten tomorrow if you don't get the chance to call. Ok, bye."

Kay sighed and went to change into a large T-shirt and some boxers. No beach tomorrow. She had to work on some new card designs. She washed up and collapsed into her bed and fell asleep.



Kay woke up at five after nine the next morning. She yawned and picked up the phone and called Cat first.

"Hello?"

"Hey Cat-Chan."

"Kay-Chan! Can you come to the beach?"

"Sorry, I have to work today."

"Babysitting Mokuba."

"No, no. I need to work on some card designs and tonight I'm going to the museum to talk to Miss Ishtar."

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"Busy day, I see."
"Pretty boring. Sorry. Have fun though."
"We will. See you later Kay."
"Bye." They both hung up then Kay called Alex.
"Heylo."
"Hi Alex."
"Hey Kay. So, about the playwrite contest-"
"I can't enter. I don't have any time to write a whole play."
"Really? Normally you always find time."
"Yeah, sorry. I've been really busy lately."
"Ooh, busy with Kaiba?"
"NO!" Kay shrieked. "God no."
"Kay, why don't you just admit you like him?"
"Simple, I don't."
"You're hopelessly stubborn."
"Shut up."
"Right."
"Well, I'm gonna go."
"Ok, bye."
"Laterz." Kay hung up and went to show then she changed into her favorite pair of jeans and a blue tank
top then she took a bag with paper, pencils, pens, markers, and colored pencils with her to the park and
sat down on a bench then started drawing.
And she was there for five hours and had three new cards.
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Glacia Ictari

A tall woman in a dark blue robe with a snow flake design with white skin, long silver hair, and ice blue eyes with a crown on her head. She was like a queen of the arctic.

2600/3000

Tundra Wave

A long, light blue sea serpant with a dragon head and tentacles coming from it's back like a mane. It was a powerful dragon/sea serpant with the power to control not only water but electricity.

2400/1200

And Orthox the Iron Beast

A large robotic like being made from iron that looked almost black with glowing red eyes. It was a machine possessed by a fiend who caused destruction and can crush diamonds with a punch.

3000/3500

Kay sighed and stored her stuff then got up and walked to the museum. Ishizu was waiting for her.

"Good day, Miss Ishtar."

"Hello Miss Simms. We found an interesting tablet I think you should look at." Ishizu led her to a small room where a single stone Tablet was behind glass. "Take a look."

Kay stared. All seven millennium items were displayed and three other items were on the bottom.

"I don't believe it..."

"What?"

"This tablet is a spell to free the Yamis from their millennium objects so they can be real people."

"What?"

"Yes. You see, there are three objects for the three Yamis. I have only seen two, but apparently there is another. The object to free Yami is a red gem which means change, because he changed the most over time. The object to free Bakura is a green gem, for curiousity and chaos. And the final object is a yellow gem for uncertainty."

"Does it say where to find the gems?"

"They are all in an underground tomb in Egypt. The tomb is close to Cairo and the entrance is in a small Oasis, in the lake."

"I will send a team to uncover these gems as soon as I can, Miss Simms."

"I can also read the spell, but I won't say it now. Each spell is different."

"That makes sense. We will call when the gems are uncovered." Kay nodded and exited the museum and walked outside. It was nearing four in the afternoon. She was bored.



"Seto, Seto."

"What is it Mokuba?"

"Kay-Chan is coming over." Seto glared at Mokuba. So much for a quiet afternoon of reading in his garden for a change.

"What? Why? Did you invite her?"

"Yes. I want her to come by. I'm bored."

"Go read a book then."

"Seto..."

"Well did you HAVE to invite that stupid, optimistic, annoying little BRAT over."

"Seto!"

"She is a thorn in my side, Mokuba. The only reason I keep her around is because you like her. I don't want to see her more than neccesary. She has an attitude problem and I am getting sick of it."

"It's not her fault!" Mokuba cried.

"Oh really? Well then, whose fault is it? Hmm? She is a stupid and idiotic little girl, Mokuba. She needs to grow up and control her big mouth. And she-"

"Her father's!" Mokuba yelled. "After the way he treated her and her family, it's no wonder she can behave in a bi-polar way." Seto blinked.

"Mokuba, what are you talking about?"

"Her dad abused her, Seto. He killed her mother and her big sister and he kidnapped her little sister and for all we know she's dead too. Kay's got nobody here. And she is only here to find her little sister, Seto. Her dad was worse than Gozaboru. He truly hurt her. Where else do you think that scar on her forehead came from? He burned her, beat her until she couldn't move. It's a wonder she can even BE optimisstic. She is a little like you when you were younger and would still smile and have fun but can be serious and hide her true emotions, SO DON'T INSULT HER!" Mokuba yelled. Seto was shocked. "I love her like a big sister. Please don't be mean to her."

There was silence between the two brothers.

"Mokuba!" Her voice sailed like a breeze to them, happy as usual and completely unaware of the dark conversation. "You out here, sweetie?"

"Coming Kay!" He ran over to the back door. Seto watched her smile and hug him then lead him inside. He felt like a serious jerk for what he said about her. Now it made sense why she had been so upset a while ago. She missed her sister. It had probably been a time when she remembered it.

Seto picked some blooms, went inside, and handed them to a maid, asking her to put them in a vase. She brought them back to him in a glass vase and he put them on the dining room table. White Chrysanthemum in honor of the truth he had learned today.



(Here is a White Chrysanthemum)

"Kaiba-kun!" her voice called from the kitchen. He walked in to see her tying an apron...or trying to.

"Want to help us? We're making chocolate chip cookies."

"My favorite!" Mokuba added. Seto didn't know what to answer. She just kept struggling with the bow on the back of her apron. He walked over, took the two ribbons from her hands, and work them into a bow. She smiled.

"Thanks." Then she put her hair up with a clip in a messy bun.

"Well Seto?"

"I'll just watch you two. Cooking is not my strong point." Kay and Mokuba shrugged.

"Ok Mokie, I'm gonna need-" She started listing the ingrediants and Mokuba ran to get them for her. She put it all in the bowl and had Mokuba stir. They both got covered in flour but were having one heck of a good time.

Seto just watched them and sorta spaced out, a failed to see Mokuba sneak behind him and powder him white with flour, shocking him.

"Agh!" Kay turned away from the oven and then started laughing like crazy when she saw Seto. He growled.

"Mokuba..."

"Eek!" Mokuba ran off and Seto followed him.

"GET BACK HERE!" Kay just kept laughing and then put the cookies in the over and washed her hands. When Seto and Mokuba ran through the kitchen, Kay grabbed Seto's shoulders to stop him.

"Aw, come on, Kaiba-kun. Mokuba was just kidding around." She looked up at him with those green eyes and he frowned.

"...fine, he's off the hook THIS ONCE." Mokuba peeked his head back in and smiled.

"Thanks, Kay-Chan."

"Of course." After getting cleaned up and cleaning up the kitchen, the timer rang and Kay pulled the cookies out of the oven and put them on the cooling rack and started washing off the pan when she heard a loud shriek of pain. She turned and gasped. Mokuba had taken one of the cookies and burned his finger. She ran over. "Mokie, are oyu ok?"

"It burns, Kay-Chan."

"Ohh, here." She took his hand and did what a mother or big sis would do for a little "boo-boo." She kissed it and then ran it under some cold water. "There, better." He nodded then smirked.

"Hey Seto, try one of these cookies." Seto walked into the kitchen.

"Why?"

"They're really good." Seto rolled his eyes. Kay's eyes widened.

"Wait, I wouldn't-" She winced as he hissed in pain and muttered an inexplicitive.

"Mokuba!" he yelled. Kay walked over to him and took Seto's hand and sighed then kissed him where he got burned and took him to the sink and rinsed the burn off in cold water.

"There, better?" she asked sweetly. He was a little surprised but he nodded.

"Aw, you two are holding hands."

"Wha?" Kay automatically blushed and let go of Seto's hand.

"MOKUBA!"

"Uh oh." She chased after him.

"What were you thinking?! Your brother could have gotten seriously hurt."

"Oh, so you care?" She blushed bright red.

"NO! It's just...that's the hand...he uses to sign my pay checks!"

"Lame excuse, Kay."

"Why you little-" She caught Mokuba. "Now, how am I going to punish you?" She thought for moment. "I know." she hands crept to his ribs and she tickled him mercilessly.

"CHEATER!" he cried.

"Too bad!" Mokuba tried to squirm away, but Kay was too strong.

"You're torturing him, very nice." Kay smirked up at Seto and then she let Mokuba go.

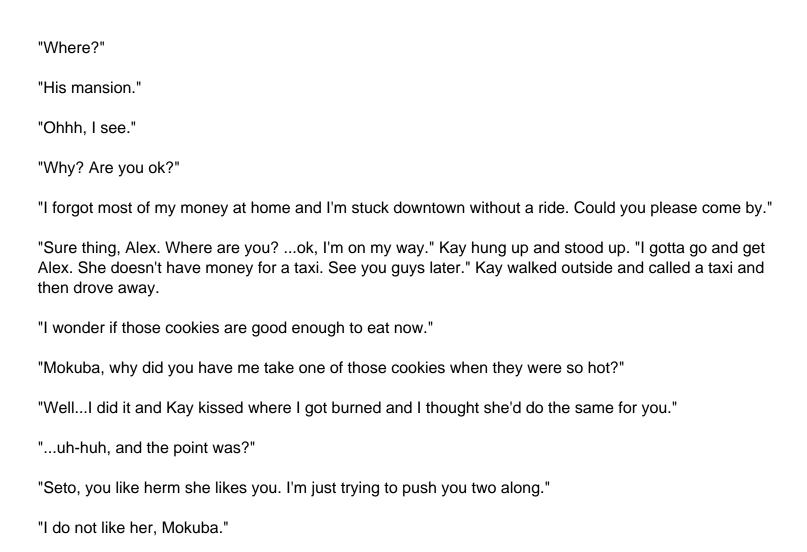
"I'll go easy on you, today." Mokuba sighed.

"You are cruel, Kay."

"Yeah, I know." Her cell phone rang and she picked it up. "Hello?"

"Kay, where are you?" Alex asked on the other end.

"I'm handing with Mokuba."



"Right, sure you don't." Mokuba smirked and walked into the kitchen.

"I DON'T!" Seto fell onto the couch. "Right?"

HUZZAH! Another update. YAY! I had fun writing this one. I hope you nejoyed reading it. ^^ Cat and Yami are officialy together at this point, just so you all know. So WHEE!!! I love EternalShipping!!!!

4 - Attacked in the Alley (sorry no flowers this chappie)

"So, how's it going for you two?" Kay asked. She was sitting with Yami and Cat outside of Starbucks, sipping her Strawberries and Cream Frap.

"It's been terrific. For once I'm thankful to you for meddling, Kay."

"Well, Yami actually asked me for dating advice involving you when I first met him." Cat looked surprised.

"Is that true?" she asked. He nodded.

"Yeah. That was the day Yugi invited you over and I introduced myself."

"Wow...so it looks like we've been set up since day one."

"Yeah, pretty much."

"Thanks, Kay-Chan." Kay smiled and sipped her frap. Yami kissed Cat on the cheek then tossed out his empty cup.

"So, you two going on a hot date tonight?" Kay asked.

"Well, Yami wants to take me out to dinner."

"'Can you feel the love tonight?" Kay sang. Cat Igihtly punched Kay's arm.

"Be quiet!" she said, blushing but smiling. Kay shrugged.

"Hey you guys." Cat, Yami, and Kay looked up to see Tiffany an dDuke walking by, holding hands.

"Hey Duke, Tiff." Duke smiled and waved.

"Where are you two off to?" Kay asked.

"We're going to the beach."

"That explains the sundress and the shorts." Tiffany laughed and nodded.

"Well, have fun you two." Yami and Kay nodded.

"We will." They walked away. Kay sighed.

"Is it me, or is everyone hooking up?" she asked.

"What do you mean?"

"Well, you and Yami are finally dating now, thanks to me and my brillliant Spin-the-Bottle scheme. Yugi and Kristen are SO into each other. In fact, I'm setting them up this weekend."

"Will you ever quit?"

"Heck no. Honda and Bri are so totally into each other. He keeps on inviting her to his place for English lessons, but I know more than studying is going on. Duke and Tiffany are madly in love with each other. I'M GONNA BE A CAT LADY!"

"Kay-Chan, ok number one, what the heck? And number two, what about you and Kaiba?" Kay blushed.

"What about him?"

"Youa re always at their mansion and you spend time with both the Kaiba brothers more than anyone else in the world. Surely there's SOMETHING between you and Kaiba."

"It's a rather awkward friendship, honestly. I'm not sure if I can even call it that."

"You kissed his hand."

"He got burned, and how the heck did you know that?"

"Alex read it in your diary and-" Kay held up her hand.

"Enough said." She shook her head. "I am not interested in him, Cat."

"Really now?"

"Really."

"Then who are you interested in?"

"Nobody."

"Right."

"What's that supposed to mean?"

"Oh, nothing." Kay frowned. "Well, I'm gonna go. Come on, Yami."

"Yeah, bye Kay."

"Bye you two, enjoy your date."

"We will." They walked away. Kay stirred the cream at the bottom of her cup and sighed.

"I don't like Kaiba...right?" She continued stirring then she tossed out the cup and walked down the sidewalk. It was a pretty boring day, again.

Everyone was out on dates or doing something else involving a hobby. Kay sighed and walked all over the city, continuing her search for her sister. The police still had not found her and were pretty much giving up. Kay often crept into places like shady bars and such in disguise to see if she heard anything, and got nothing.

She walked out of another bar, shaking her head. Nothing, yet again. This was growing frustrating. Straightening the collar of her black trench coat, she started walking.

"Hey there." She spun to see a half drunken thug walking towards her. "Leaving so soon." She wrinkled her nose in disgust. His breath reeked of alcohol.

"Yeah, I've got somewhere to be."

"Aw, c'mon baby. Can't it wait a bit longer? How often do you see a stud like me?"

"Never."

"Wow, really? Damn, there must be some ugly men in your life." She eyed him venomously.

"You could say that."

"now now, what's with the ice? I just wanna have a little fun with you."

"Thanks but I'm not interested." She turned and started to walk away but he grabbed her shoulder and pinned her roughly to the alley wall.

"Listen you little dog (I may need to up the content advisors) you are going to take in what I have for you and you're going to like it." She squirmed.

"No! Let go of me!"

"I don't think so." He tossed off her trench coat and she screamed but he shut her up with his mouth. She tried to get away but he wouldn't let her. The horrible taste of liquor filled her mouth.

Then, the next second, he was off her and on the alley floor. She gasped and looked to see none other than, duh-duh-DUH-I'll let you read in the next chappie. ^^

5 - A Snowdrop for hope and a Freesia for trust

Kay looked up at her savior. He has silver hair and violet eyes and very pale skin.

"Are you ok?" he asked her. She nodded.

"Y-yes. Thank you." Suddenly, the thug punched the guy who had saved Kay and she screamed. The guy just managed to hit him back and the thug fell over again.

"Come on, let's go."

"Yeah." They ran out of the alley and panted. She gasped. "Your nose is bleeding." He touched his nose and some red blood got onto his hand.

"Oh man."

"Come on, I have something at home to take care of that." She helped him walk to her place and told him to sit on the couch then she went to the medicine cabinet and got some cotton balls and alcohol and helped him fix his bloody nose.

"That was a cheap shot." He winced a bit.

"Yeah. Sorry if that hurt."

"No, no. Thanks for the help."

"Hey, it's the least I can do. Would you mind telling me your name?"

"Yuki. Yuki Sohma." She blinked and looked him in the eyes.

"Yuki?"

"Ye-" He blinked and looked her in the eyes. "Kay?" She smiled.

"Wow, I didn't recognize you, it's been so long." He nodded.

"Yeah. You look great."

"So do you, minus the injured nose." ^ He chuckled. "What are you doing here?"

"Hatsuharu, Kyo, Hatori, Shigure, Kagura, Kisa, Momiji, Hiro, Ayame, Tohru, and I all moved here for a while." Kay blinked.

"Tohru?"



"I-I sorta told him about what happened to your family."

"YOU DID WHAT?! I told you not to tell anyone about that!!!"

"I-I'm sorry. It just slipped out. Seto was upset about you and I was scared he'd fire you so I told you." Mokuba cowered slightly. "Are you mad?"

She sighed and put a hand to her head.

"No, Mokie-kun, I'm not mad. BUT, I am grounding you from video games for two days because you told."

"What?!"

"Sorry, kiddo. That's your punishment."

"Aw man..." Kay set the block on Mokuba's video games for two days. Mokuba was also sent to bed early that night as part of his punishment. kay decided to keep exploring the beautiful gardens.

She walked around to the very back, which was a pretty large distance away from the back door. There was a stone wall with wines growing on it. Kay noticed there was a stone path in the dirt and it led to a spot with a thick cluster of wines.

She jumped from stone to stone and felt the vines. She looked around and felt a door knob. She turned it and pushed her weight against the door and shrieked when it opened and she nearly fell over. Then she gaped.

It was a garden, probably about 30 feet by 40 feet, with nothing but roses. She closed the door behind her and walked around. Never in her life had she seen such beautiful roses.

She looked at a red rose bush and brushed her fingers to the petals of a bloom. It was so beautiful. She remembered what a red rose meant, love.

Her eyes closed for a moment as she thought about that. Then, she heard foot steps and spun to look up into Seto's cold blue eyes. Her heart beat faster, but not from fright.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded.

"I-I'm sorry. I was just exploring the garden and I saw the stones that led to that door and I thought it was weird so I checked it out. I did not realize this area was off limits, I just thought it was forgotten."

"This is my rose garden, and I'd appreciate it if you did not sneak in her without my permission." She gulped and nodded.

"Y-yes, I understand. I-if it's any consolation, you've done a beautiful job with this garden. These are the most amazing roses I've ever seen."

"...thanks." She nodded. "...I guess you can come here if you want to. As long as you don't exploit it."

"I would never. And I swear I won't hurt the garden in any way."

"The roses are starting to overgrow. I've had less time to prune them. If you don't mind doing that, feel free to cut off some of the flowers and put them in a vase. It doesn't really bother me."

"Really?" He nodded. She beamed. "Thank you, Kaiba-kun." She bowed. "I will try to help you if I can."

"I don't doubt that." She smiled again. Then she walked over to the white roses.

"Tell me, Kaiba-kun, don't you think the white roses are most beautiful at night? They catch the moonlight and almost look silver." Seto smiled a bit and walked over to her and nodded.

"Mokuba used to point that out when he was little and our parents were still alive. My mother and father both loved roses, so that was my inspiration."

"My whole family likes roses." Kay sighed. "I hope I find Adelinda soon. If I do, would you let me take her here?" He was a little surprised at such a personal request. But he nodded.

"Of course."

"Thanks, I appreciate that."

"Do you have any leads as to where she might be?" Kay shook her head.

"No..." He sighed a bit.

"What's your father's name?"

"James, James Sims,"

"...I am not sure I've heard of him or any of his crimes."

"Yeah. We lived in Germany and moved to Japan after mom divorced him." She sighed. "I-I should go, now. She sraightened and wiped her eyes.

"Yeah, it's getting late. Come on, Roland will take you home." She nodded and they walked out of the rose garden together. Something caught Seto's eye and a thought hit him. "Wait here a moment." He walked away and she stood there, trying desperately to keep from crying.

He returned to her, holding two flowers in his hands. She pointed.

"What are those for?" He put them in her hands.

"They're for you. D-don't get the wrong idea. See...the white one is Snowdrop which means hope and

the purple one is Freesia which means trust. And, I don't know, the two seem to kind of go together, or something." She bit her lip and hugged him.

"Thank you..." she whispered before standing on tip toe and brushing her lips to his cheek. He simply nodded.



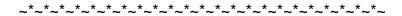
Kk, here is a Freesia.



And here is some Snowdrop.

The two walked out of the garden and said nothing else. Roland came around to pick Kay up. She said good bye and walked out and into the limo and they drove away. Seto touched the spot on his cheek where she had kissed him.

He felt strange...must have been the overwhelming smell of those roses. He tried to shrug it off, but the feeling was not gone. The tight feeling in his stomach was not wearing off. He decided to take a long bath and see if it would help, so he went off to do that.



Kay put the two flowers in a vase the minute she got home. Then she curled up on the couch and hugged her Blue Eyes White Dragon plushy to her heart.

"Oh god..." she said softly, looking at the flowers. "Cat and Alex are right...I do like Seto...and...now I think I'm falling in love with him..."

Here is the next story. NOTE! "Kay's Gotten Sick" is set BETWEEN the end of this story and the beginning of the next one. Just wanna make sure you know.

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