

Albino

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Dramatis Personae

Casper Wolfgang: *a young man who grows up with Virginia, and is the one Virginia only talks to.*

Virginia Amadeus: *a beautiful young lady who was born to be an albino. Both her parents and the doctor believe she is suffering from autism, too.*

Mr. Amadeus and Mrs. Amadeus: *Virginia's parents. They never understand Virginia because Virginia never talks to them.*

Vipers Bugloss: *a pretty and healthy girl in high school who is also the best student and the fastest runner.*

Vishnu Wolfgang: *Casper's daughter. She is also an albino.*

Scene 1: It is an evening with beautiful sunset spreads on the ground in front of a white, silent house. A young man rushes to this house and knocks on the door. After a while, a gloomy couple comes to the door.

Casper: Good afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Amadeus. My mom told me that you have brought Virginia to the psychologist. But I don't understand what for?

Mrs. Amadeus: Come, my boy, we have to tell you something. *(Mrs. Amadeus leads Casper to the center of the stage where there is a comfortable white sofa.)* Would you like to have some tea and cookies?

Casper: Yes, please. I love your homemade cookies, Mrs. Amadeus.

(Mrs. Amadeus gives Casper a smile reluctantly, and then drops Mr. Amadeus a hint with her eyes before she silently leaves the stage.)

Mr. Amadeus: O.K., kid, we went to the psychologist for more than 10 years. You are the only one Virg talks to. That's why you don't understand why Virg needs psychology treatment.

Mrs. Amadeus: *(comes in with 3 cups of tea and a plate of cookies)* She never talks to us or anyone all these years. *(Puts the cups and the plate on the table and then sits next to Mr. Amadeus.)* We thought she must feel very inferior about her being an albino, so she refuses to talk to anyone. But....

Mr. Amadeus: ...but you make her talks. Can you tell us something about her? Did she tell you any thing that we need to know?

Casper: She never talks to you? I thought she was as normal as I am....

Mrs. Amadeus: The psychologist told us that Virginia has neither psychological problem nor physiological problem. But she seems hating us for so long.

Mr. Amadeus: We really feel sorry about her.... We are not qualified to be her parents. So, we ask you, please, take care of our daughter.

(Mrs. Amadeus starts to weep while Mr. Amadeus talks.)

Mrs. Amadeus: Yes, please, if Virginia trusts you, we have no choice but to trust you.

Casper: Hey, Mr. and Mrs. Amadeus, I promise you I will take care of Virg for all my life. Please don't

(Virginia enters form the left stage with an empty glass. She stares at Mr. and Mrs. Amadeus, her parents, emotionlessly. Mr. and Mrs. Amadeus jump off the sofa as if they have done something wrong.)

Mrs. Amadeus: *(dry her eyes with her hands while she walks to Virginia with Mr. Amadeus)* Virg daring, look who's here.

(Virginia has no response to them but stares at them. Mrs. Amadeus gives Virginia a hug and Mr. Amadeus pats on Virginia's shoulder before they leave the stage.)

Virginia: (*waits until Mr. and Mrs. Amadeus leave the stage and then talks to Casper with a slight smile on her face.*) I know the reason why you come, you want to ask me about the result of the exam, right?

Casper: Hey, how come you know everything? I'm going to enter Saint George's high school, and you?

Virginia: The same school!

Casper: Wow~ cool, we are going to the same high school....

Virginia: Wanna bet? I say we are going to be in the same class, too.

Casper: Ha ha, I'll rather believe whatever you say. You always win no matter what we bet. (*Casper talks while he takes away the remote control of the radio on sofa.*)

Virginia: That's a smart decision! (*Virginia sits down next to Casper and puts her glass on the table.*) Oh~ by the way, did you see the remote control? I found a really cool song but where is the remote control...?

Casper: Ha! Do you remember where you put that last time you use it?

Virginia: Of course, I put it on the sofa this morning.... (*Virginia begins to search the table for the remote control and Casper puts the remote control back silently.*)

Casper: Then, it will be in the same place. I have told you that all things will come back to the very first place, remember?

Virginia: But it is not..., oh~ here it is!

(*Virginia turns on the radio and they chat happily.*)

(*Curtain falls*)

Scene 2: After class, Casper sends Virginia home.

Virginia: You DO need some help for the math test tomorrow, right?

Casper: Ha-ha, I was expecting you to help me, will you?

Virginia: Come in. I really want to know how you could live without me.

Casper: You know I cannot live without you. By the way, can I borrow your homework?

Virginia: Hey, you should write them on your own.

Casper: Oh~ yes! Maybe we would be injured or even dead if we took that bus yesterday. Frank told me that he saw that car accident.

(Virginia suddenly falls into silence. It seems like she has something in her mind.)

Casper: You know Frank, right? He is that fatty in our class with a ..., hey, are you listening?

Virginia: What?! Oh~ yes, of course I know Frank....Casper, do you know what the product of $1/100,000$ times $1/100,000$ is?

Casper: Ummm, $1/10^{10}$, right? What for?

Virginia: Nothing..., just want to make sure. By the way, I know Vipers likes you. Please feel free to be with her.

Casper: Hey, I promise your parents and you to take care of you....

Virginia: For my whole life, right? It is O.K. because my life will come to an end soon.

Casper: What the hell are you talking about? You are weird today. What's wrong with you? Oh~ I know, you must be excited about your birthday party, right? I won't let you down.

(Casper keeps on murmuring) ... a woman's age is secret but I have known you for all my life, you can lie to me about this one.

Virginia: Casper, thanks very much for all these years supporting me, but please don't celebrate my birthday anymore.

Casper: Why?! You think you are too old to celebrate your own birthday?!

Virginia: No, I.... I... I think my life is come to an end. So you don't have to prepare any gift or a party for me.... I don't think I can enjoy that anymore.

Casper: Virg..., don't make joke on this one, I am not going to believe you.

Virginia: Ha-ha, you don't have to believe me, anyway. Hey, let's hurry finish this chapter, O.K.? Or your mom will worry about you.

Casper: Oh~ Do we have to?!

Virginia: Yes!!!

(They start to discuss their math problem.)

(Curtain falls)

Scene 3: Next morning, Casper comes to Virginia's house. He picks up some small stones on the ground and throws them to the window of the second floor.

Casper: Hey, Virg, It's time to go to school! Hurry up, you lazy.

(Casper keeps on throwing stones, then the door opens and Mrs. Amadeus, who is still wearing her pajamas, comes out.)

Mrs. Amadeus: I think Virginia is still sleeping now. She fell asleep last night on the sofa. Why don't you wake her up on your own?

Casper: Oh~ I am so sorry to wake you up. *(Casper walks into the house and comes to the sofa where Virginia is lying.)* Hey, sleeping beauty, wake up! Or we will be late for school. Virg...?! Virg, Virg, it's no time for game. *(Casper finds Virginia cold and dead. She seems like sleeping because on*

her face is still hanging a slight smile as usual.) Help, Help, Mr. Amadeus, please call the ambulance. Mrs. Amadeus, please help me.... (Casper starts to shout for help and curtain falls when Mr. and Mrs. Amadeus rush out.)

Scene 4: This is the house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang (also known as Casper and Vipers). The setting is quite similar to Virginia's house. The only difference is the picture hanging on the wall. It is a middle age man and his beautiful wife. Armed by the wife is a baby with a white face, white hair, and a pair of void eyes. Casper, who is wearing a business suit, comes on the stage and his wife is behind him.

Casper: Vipers, remember to take Vishnu to the psychologist this afternoon.

I will hurry finish my work and meet you at the psychologist's place, O.K.?

Vipers: Honey, do you want to eat some breakfast before you go to work?

Casper: Today is the day, remember?

Vipers: What day?

Casper: Don't you remember the letter Virginia gave me 10 years ago? She said she had asked someone to send me another letter after ten years.

Vipers: Why do you believe a dead person so much? It's her curse that made our daughter an albino! And I am your wife, not her. You should listen to me, not to the damn letters.

Casper: Vishnu is meant to be an albino; this is no one's fault. And I believe Virg can really predict the future. Virg must have something important to tell me, or she would not write me letters even after her death.

(An old mailman comes to the door with a yellow envelope. The old mailman knocks on the door weakly. As soon as Casper hears the door, he rushes to open the door.)

The Old Mailman: I am sorry to bother you, sir. Many years ago, a young girl came to the post office and gave me this letter. She asked me to send this letter to a young man called Casper Wolfgang. Are you Mr. Casper Wolfgang, sir?

Casper: Yes, this is me. And I have been waiting for this letter for ten years. Thank you very much. *(Casper receives the letter from the mailman and gives the mailman a great reward.)*

The Old Mailman: Thank you very much, kind sir. It is amazing that I really deliver this mail to you. My colleague all thought this mail must be some kind of joke. Thank you, sir. Have a nice day.

Casper: No, thank you. And wish you a nice day as well.

(The old mailman bows and then leaves the stage. Casper turns around after he closes the door and starts to open the letter.)

Vipers: If it is O.K. with you, please read the letters aloud, will you? I am curious about the content, too.

Casper: It is about our daughter. "Dear Casper and Vipers, Congratulations on your marriage and lovely daughter. Please don't fight for these letters. I am sorry to let you feel insecure, Vipers. I am sure Casper really loves you very much. However, I wrote these letters to you for a few things that I did not mention ten years ago. Please read this letter thoroughly. First of all, I want to say I am sorry to dear Vipers. Your scar on your left arm is all my fault.

Vipers: How did she know my scar? She never talks to me in high school although we are classmate.

Casper: I remember you have told me that your scar came from a car accident, right?

Vipers: Yes, it is an afternoon. I took the bus that you usually would take. I thought I would meet you, but you were not on the bus. And then, the bus smashed into another truck.

Casper: Your scar was my fault, too. Why you never tell me this?

Vipers: Oh~ this is nothing. Please continue.

Casper: That day should be the day you fell in love. But I was too childish to see Casper falling in love with you. Therefore, I tried to change your fate. This created the accident which should not have taken place. I am so sorry that I hurt you. Please forgive me.

The second thing is about your daughter. Casper, do you remember when you and I got in the same high school, my parents asked you to take care of me? The reason I never talked to any one was that I knew my life will be very short. I didn't want anyone cry for me except you. I still remember once you told me "Of course I will cry, I cry because I do have love." These words made me want to be with you. I trust you! And I believe God has his own reason making $1/10^{10}$ happen in you. I believe Vishnu does not have to suffer from what I had been suffered. Finally, remember that "all things will come back to the very first place." This is also a saying coming from your mouth, right? Wish you luck. Forever 18 Virginia, 2004/5/26

Vipers: What's she meant in the final one?

Casper: I have no idea.... But I don't feel good about this one. Did you see Vishnu this morning?

Vipers: No, I will go to her room and check.

(Vipers runs out of the stage immediately, and then Casper runs out of the stage after Vipers. The letters drop on the floor. Vishnu comes from the right side of the stage where Casper and Vipers just ran in.)

Vishnu: What is this? *(She picks up the letters on the floor and read it.)*
What ... what the hell is this? How did she know I am going to commit suicide? *(She falls onto the sofa.)*

(Right in this moment, hurried steps can be heard from far of the stage. Vishnu starts to look for the knife, which is used to cut fruit on the table.)

Casper: *(runs on the stage while shouting.)* All things will come back to the very first place! Thanks God, Vishnu, we thought you are going to leave us.

Vipers: *(runs in with her pale face.)* Vishnu, my baby...?

Vishnu: Don't come any closer! I'm going to finish my life today... just like the woman in that letter... she killed herself, right? *(She said this with her right hand placing the knife on her left hand, right under the artery)*

Vipers: Ah! *(And then passes out.)*

Casper: Vipers! Vishnu, give me the knife, O.K.? It is unnecessary for you to kill yourself. Why you...?

Vishnu: I know I will die today, so it's not because of the letter. Do you know how it feels when you already know everything that is going to happen and every word that will be spoken out? I know...I know everything in my future. And you know what?

Casper: Vishnu, we love you very much. Please take away the knife....

Vishnu: Dad, you know nothing about me; how can you love me? I can predict the future, so I know when to finish my life. IT IS TODAY! I see nothing, NOTHING after today. And you have three sentences left. (*She talks while tears falling down from her eyes.*)

Casper: Vishnu, you can feel our love and your bright future if you stay alive.

Vishnu: Just the same as I have already know...and the other two is...?

Casper: Don't do stupid thing, babe.

Vishnu: Last one, please? (*Vishnu seems to choke with sobs and is unable to speak clearly.*)

Casper: (*He stares at Vishnu with his mouth closed tightly.*)

Vishnu: Dad, your last sentence is silence.... It is time to say goodbye. I'm glad to be your daughter. Tell mom I love her.... (*She finishes her words and lifts up the knife and pierces it into her heart.*)

Casper: No! (*He shouts*)

(*Vishnu falls down.*)

(*Curtain falls*)

Finial Scene: monologue

Casper: I can never understand how Virginia and Vishnu feel when their lives have no surprises at all. But I think they still gain something because the feeling cannot be predicted. Destiny treats me pretty well for it brought me two albinos to fulfill my life.

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