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After the professors left, Ivan, Hermione, Colin, and Ginny hurriedly went to the ward to see Ron.

Ron apologized to Ivan and told him that he didn't remember anything.

Madam Pomfrey didn't let them stay very long, according to her, Ron needed to rest. The impact of the imperious curse on the soul isn't easy to recover, poor Ron probably needs to spend the upcoming Christmas in bed.

Ivan was surprised he thought they would find out more.

Ivan wanted to tell Dumbledore about Tom Riddle and the diary but ended up saying nothing. He didn't know how he could explain what he knew about Voldemort and Horcruxes. This information is secretive, and so far even Dumbledore is just guessing.

The situation is becoming more and more complicated, so Ivan had to do things himself.

It wasn't Ron who opened the Chamber of Secrets. Trying to control a weak-willed wizard is fairly easy, and anyone under Tom's control can use the imperious curse on Ron. Ron had contact with a lot of people, Ivan can't investigate them one by one.

So he is back to square one.

Ron who was under the imperious curse used a corrosive curse and the killing spell, which means Tom has become suspicious of him and wants to get rid of him.lvan shifted his suspicions to everyone around him, but almost everyone was suspicious.

In the next few day the school increased its vigilance, professors often patrolled the corridors and escorted students.

Slytherin's successor was bad enough but now there is the imperious curse.

The young wizards were unaware of the truth, they were discussing Ron's disappearance. People kept peeking into the hospital wing to see if he had been attacked, Madam Pomfrey had to put a curtain around the bed.

Professor McGonagall announced that Ron's wand backfired and was struck by a very bad curse but no one believed it.

People agreed that Ron had been attacked, rumors spread through the school, and the young wizards were talking about who the heir of Slytherin was.

People were certain that Harry was the heir, especially after he exposed he was a Parselmouth at dueling club. It made Harry feel horrible, he wanted to talk to Justin about what happened but he was avoiding Harry.

On Friday evening, Ivan and Hermione were in the library preparing the next issue of the Hogwarts magic when they saw several Hufflepuff students whispering about something.

Ivan and Hermione looked at each other and crept closer.

"Anyway, I told Justin to hide in his room and not to let Potter find him," said a burly boy, "I mean, if Potter is out for him, he'd better hide for a while."

"But why...."

"Since Justin accidentally told Harry he was a muggle born, Harry will most likely come after him." said a boy

"Yeah!" said a few Hufflepuff students while nodding, "but Ernie, are you sure he's Slytherin's descendant?"

"You still don't understand, he's a Parselmouth, and everyone knows that is the mark of a dark wizard. Have you ever heard of a good wizard that can speak to snakes?"

"But he seems friendly, not like a dark wizard." said a girl with golden hair.

"Hannah!" said Ernie seriously, "He can speak the language of snakes and every time an attack happens he is the first to appear at the scene."

After hearing this they began to whisper.

"Do you still remember the words written on the wall?" said Ernie, "The cat didn't allow Potter to enter the girl's bathroom on the third floor.

"And Penelope had met Potter outside the bathroom, and then she was petrified along with Moaning Myrtle,

"But why does Potter have to go to a ladies bathroom?"

"Who knows, maybe he is practicing evil magic in there, or the entrance to the Chamber of Secrets is in there," said Ernie

Ivan had been eavesdropping and was shocked, who would have thought that Ernie's nonsense was actually correct.

"Come on, Ernie, that doesn't make any sense." hesitated Hannah, "In addition to Potter, Granger, and Ivan could fit the bill too but they can't be the descendants of Slytherin since their parents are muggles."

When they heard Hannah's words, several girls hurriedly nodded.

"They are Potter's helpers!" said Ernie, "Ivan isn't a normal first year, he even runs a newspaper and his curses, I would say no first years are his opponents."

"But I think he is handsome....."

"Don't be fooled by his appearance, Hannah!" said Ernie as he lowered his voice, the Hufflepuffs moved closer together, "Look at Ron, who was recently attacked, he tried to stop them before but was attacked."

"But Professor McGonagall said it was caused by his wand."

"A wand backfiring isn't going to keep people in bed. And one more thing, think about how Harry defeated the one who must not be named."

He whispered in a barely audible voice.

"No one knows how he survived when he was attacked. You've all seen Ivan's article, he should have died so only truly powerful dark wizards can escape that spell. That's probably why he who should not be named tried to kill him.

"Only Hufflepuff is left now, and I dare say the next attack....."

Hermione couldn't stand it anymore, she walked out from the back of the shelf and Ivan hurriedly followed. The scene he saw next was hilarious. He saw each Hufflepuff become terrified and Ernie's face became dark.

"You, you heard us," Ernie hurriedly said, "I might as well tell you that you can go back nine-generations to see my bloodline is as pure as anyone, so......."

"Bad!" said Hermione as she turned away in disdain.

"I don't care what kind of ancestry you have!" said Ivan as he leaned over and squinted at Ernie, "Listen, if you're still spreading this rumor in public, even if I'm not Slytherin's heir, I can make you like Filch's cat."

After Ernie heard these words from Ivan, he was completely and utterly terrified.

Chapter 42 Christmas Presents

They didn't mention what happened in the library to Harry but everything that happened spread like wildfire.

Now almost everyone is dodging them.

It is like they have grown fangs and they are dripping poison.

On Monday morning, while Ivan, Harry, and Hermione sat together, people were whispering and pointing fingers at the three.

"It's funny but I'm sorry about what Ron did," said Fred as he walked over

"Yeah, Harry" followed George, "You make everyone terrified and this is what Snape has always wanted."

"This isn't funny!"

Ivan was now in a horrible mood, in addition to being questioned, the Hogwarts' Magic newspaper's sales have lowered even more.

"Cheer up, Ivan," said Fred as he patted Ivan shoulders, "our items are also selling poorly, but there isn't anything we can do."

"In this difficult time, we need a little laughter," said George.

After they finished breakfast, Fred and George came in front of Harry and shouted: "Give way to the heir of Slytherin, the most wicked Wizard!"

"This isn't funny," said Percy with an angry look.

"Get Percy, Harry is tense," said Fred

"Yes he will go to the Chamber of Secrets and drink tea with his toothless servants." laughed George.

This is what Fred and George considered a joke, Ginny wanted to stop them.

Harry doesn't mind, at the very least, the twins think it was ridiculous to think he was Slytherin's heir.

But their antics seemed to have angered Draco, each time he saw them doing this, his face looked like he was going to kill them.

When they went to see Ron in the Hospital ward, they told him about everything that had happened.

Ron seemed to have recovered well, Ron said, "You know how much Malfoy hates others outdoing him in any way, now Harry you know."

"It won't be long before the Polyjuice potion is done," said Hermione in a satisfactory tone.

"I wish I could leave, but Madam Pomfrey has insisted that I stay here until the end of Christmas."

"Don't worry we will stay with you Ron"

After three days the semester will be over.

Given what has happened most of the wizards have chosen to go home. The snow inside the castle was mostly untouched by anyone.

This caused Harry to let out a sigh of relief, he was free to walk around without anyone messing with him saying he the heir of Slytherin. Ivan has also stopped his research, he still hasn't found a spell to reproduce the crow of a rooster, what was even worse was Hagrid's rooster was almost dead.

Hagrid said that either a fox or a vampire was attacking his Rooster.

Hermione insisted that it was weird, he didn't know if she had noticed anything as of yet.

In the morning when they went to visit Ron, they saw several people discussing things related to the Chamber. After lunch, Ivan and Harry practiced dueling while Hermione went to the library to read a book.

Except for a few of them, Colin, Ginny, Fred, and George stayed at school, they were making a snowman outside the castle.

Percy didn't care about the student's behavior, he often went to the school hospital.

Ron was surprised that he was so concerned about him since he came to the hospital to see him more than anyone else, even though Ron had little to say to him.

Percy was frequent to the school hospital and he proudly told others that he stayed for Christmas only because he was an excellent student, and helped the teachers during this turbulent period and watching Ron kept him from getting into trouble.

At dinner, Ivan saw Malfoy with his two lackeys Crabbe and Goyle but he was surprised to see that Justin actually stayed for the holiday.

Justin looked horrible, he looked even more so after he saw them, it looked like he was still worried that Harry was going to attack him.

Harry wanted to apologize but he has never succeeded.

When Justin saw Harry approaching he took a few slice of bread from the table and ran out as fast as he could which made Harry's mood become terrible.

The next morning Ivan was awakened by Colin.

"Ivan, thank you for giving me a magic camera, it must have been expensive!" shouted Colin in a surprised tone.

Ivan saw Colin sitting on his bed while opening his gifts, he seems to have a few in front of his bed too. His parents ordered him a Nimbus 2001 it seems they want him to participate in sports. (Note: who forgot he had parents because I did.)

Colin gave him a picture of everyone standing together that has helped with the Hogwarts' Magic newspaper.

Lockhart's gift was also a picture, but it was a signed picture of Lockhart, Ivan was prepared to give it to Hermione. Hagrid gave him a large thing of fudge but it was almost as hard as a rock.

Ron gave him a book called How to Better Manage a Magic Newspaper, and Harry and Hermione sent him a book to, Basic rules of Quidditch and The secret of Duels: A detailed list of spells. it seems that him reading a lot has left a deep impression on their minds.

Fred and George sent some of their latest joke products to him, and as the two agreed in Diagon Alley, Ginny gave him a black diary of superb quality.

Ivan would have preferred to make a Horcrux later.

Mrs. Weasley predictably gave him a hand knit sweater with a card, thanking him for helping Ron. They had learned what happened from Dumbledore, and if Ivan had been killed by Ron, the consequences would have been disastrous.

When Ivan finally finished opening the pile of presents, Harry and Hermione had already come to the common room with the Polyjuice Potion.

The three of them went to the school hospital to find Ron and go over their plan.

After making sure there were no flaws, they decided to act tonight, and get a clear answer out of Malfoy.

Chapter 43 To Slthyerin's Common Room

There was a Christmas party going on in the Great Hall and it looked magnificent.

There was beautiful silver looking Christmas trees, and mistletoe and holly decorated the ceiling. The ceiling was enchanted to make dry and warm to the touch snowfall.

Ivan and Harry had just finished their third pudding. Hermione led them out of the great hall to start their plan.

It wasn't difficult getting Crabbe and Goyle's hair

With two cupcakes laced with a sleeping potion, those two were at their mercy.

But the hard thing was Ivan and Harry hiding them in the closet of the hallway, making sure no saw them, and finally pulling out a few hairs and taking their clothing.

The trouble was Hermione, Ivan insisted that the black hair in her hand wasn't McGonagall's hair, but a cat's hair.

"Impossible, Ivan!" said Hermione stubbornly, "This is what I got from her clothes."

"But her animagus form is a cat, you have the hair from that form since it's is almost identical to it, so be careful."

Finally, after Ivan's insistence, the three had to return to the great hall to look for an opportunity to get another person's hair.

When they saw Pansy Parkinson stand up from the table and go towards Snape, Hermione hurriedly headbutted her. And pulled some hair from her before the other had a chance to say anything.

When Hermione apologized to her, Ivan and Harry saw Snape look at them with a hostile sneer, the two of them stood up and hurried to the bathroom without a second to spare.

"This is the best opportunity since students will begin to return after Christmas."

"It says after the user drinks it they will have exactly one hour before they change back to themselves. Our plan is foolproof, people will just see Crabbe, Goyle, and Parkinson."

Hermione then scooped up the potion and poured it into three goblets.

Her hands trembled as she put the hair of Parkinson in the goblet.

The polyjuice potion made a bubbling noise and a second later it became an ugly brownish black color.

"It's up to you," said Hermione

Harry hastily threw in Goyle's hair and Ivan threw in Crabbe's hair.

The two cups started bubbling and hissing. Goyle's became an earthy yellow while Crabbe's became a dark dark brown.

"Well what shall we do now?" asked Harry

"Of course we shall drink it," said Hermione nervously

"Hopefully the taste isn't too bad, cheers" Ivan took the goblet, and chugged it down in a single gulp, he then turned and ran to the nearest toilet.

The polyjuice potion tasted horrible, when he swallowed it he felt a burning sensation spread through his stomach, finger, and toes, he felt like he was going to melt.

His skin felt like bubbling hot wax which made him drop to the ground, he watched as his hands began to grow, his finger grew thicker, his nails widened, and his knuckles bulged like bolts.

As Ivan's shoulders stretched he began to fell an acute pain.

A tingling sensation on his forehead told him that his head was changing, and as his chest swelled his robe burst.

Everything happened quickly and quickly stopped.

Although in the book he read about this countless times, the feeling of becoming Crabbe is an indescribable feeling. Ivan effortlessly took off his small uniform and put on Crabbe's clothes. He then heard Goyle's voice shout out.

"Are you two all right?"

"I ok!" answered Ivan in Crabbe's voice.

Ivan went to the mirror to look at himself, he looked exactly like Crabbe.

Harry and Hermione have also become Goyle and Parkinson.

"Are you done looking, we have already wasted over five minutes of precious time! We better go to Slytherin's common room and hope that Malfoy is there."

They then carefully opened the door of the bathroom and saw that no one was there.

They then mimicked the movements of the person they were supposed to be.

Under Hermione's leadership, the trio went toward Slytherin's common room, but they stopped when they saw the person standing in front of them, it was Snape.

"Good evening, Parkinson, Goyle, and Crabbe." said Snape in in a slow and low voice, "What are you doing here?"

"I, We....."

Ivan and Harry looked at each other, the didn't know what to say, "

But Crabbe and Goyle seemed to be like this normally, Snape then ignored them and watched Hermione with interest.

"Professor, we're going back to the common room," said Hermione cautiously.

"Oh, why?!" said Snape softly, "Miss Parkinson, please come to my office before that, I think it is worth discussing a bit about the party."

"But, professor....." said Harry, he couldn't go any further he didn't have a reason to stop Snape from taking Pansy Parkinson.

Ivan and Harry watched as Hermione was taken away by Snape.

"Is this also called foolproof?" asked Harry anxiously, "I wonder if she will be alright."

"I think we should follow the original plan, and when we are finished with Malfoy, then we try to save Hermione," said Ivan

"That's easy to say, but do you have any idea where the Slytherin common room is?"

Ivan shook his head when he realized this problem.

The empty dungeon corridor is like a maze, after a quarter of an hour they were back where they started.

They came to a hallway with three ways the could go, one was toward Snape's office, the other was where nearly headless nick held his birthday party, and the other was one where they have never been down before. But Ivan saw a painting of a silver bowl of fruit which should be the secret path leading to Hogwarts' kitchen.

"Not here, I remember this mirror, we just saw it, Maybe we should go to the left," said Harry while being unsure.

"No that leads to the Hufflepuff common room."

Just as the two where full of despair, they saw Draco Malfoy walking toward them, this was the first time Ivan has ever been happy to see him.

"What are you two standing here for, I thought you'd be back already?"

Ivan and Harry just nodded, and Malfoy took them to the right side of an empty damp stone wall.

"What's the new password?" said Malfoy to harry

"well..?" Harry faltered

"Oh, yes, it's pureblood!" said Malfoy

As soon as his voice fell, they saw an opening slowly form in the wall, and Malfoy strode in, followed by Ivan and Harry.

Chapter 44 Beating up Malfoy

Slytherin's common room was big, the walls and ceiling were made out of rough stones, and green lights hung from the ceiling. There was a beautifully carved fireplace, that was surrounded by several Slytherin students.

"You two wait here, my father just sent me something" Malfoy instructed them to sit in two empty chairs by the fire.

They didn't expect to see what Lucius Malfoy had sent him without asking.

They wondered if what Lucius sent was related to the chamber of secrets.

A moment later Malfoy returned holding a newspaper clipping and stuffed it under Harry's nose.

"Goyle you will laugh when you see this."

Ivan saw Harry tremble slightly, he could see what was written on it.

The ministry of magic investigation of Mr. Weasley, head of the misuse of Muggle artifacts, was fined fifty-plus galleons for his enchantment of a muggle car today.

The enchanted car reportedly smashed into the whomping willow at Hogwarts earlier this year, and Lucius Malfoy has asked Mr. Weasley to resign.

"Mr. Weasley has destroyed the ministry's reputation. Mr. Malfoy has told me that he was clearly unfit to write laws for us and his ludicrous muggle protection law should be abolished immediately."

Mr. Weasley didn't comment, but his wife told reporters to leave or she would let the ghoul out to bit them.

According to an article published earlier in this newspaper, it asked the ministry to pay attention to the safety of underage wizards, the author of the article was a twelve-year-old named miss Granger.

"How about it?" asked Malfoy when Harry handed the clipping back to him, "Do you find it funny?"

"Hahaha," Ivan and Harry smiled dryly.

"I wonder what the Weasley family expressions looks like since it was an article written by the conceited mud blood, Granger,"

Ivan wasn't sure how Mr. Weasley would feel but he was glad Hermione hadn't followed them, or she would have been sad.

"We must find a way to make her read the Daily Prophet tomorrow morning."

"Well I'm not surprised to hear the Weasley's are being attacked." said Malfoy contemptuously, "Look at the behavior of the Weasley family, they are a disgrace to pureblood wizards."

Ivan tried to hold on to Harry so he wouldn't try to kill Malfoy.

"Let's not talk about the Weasley family anymore. You must know who has opened the chamber of secrets and who is the heir of Slytherin."

"You know I don't know, Goyle, how many time do I have to tell you?" snapped Malfoy, "Dad wouldn't tell me the details of the last time it was opened, he wasn't born yet, but he knows everything. He told me it was a secret and if I knew too much it would be suspicious. But the last time the chamber of secrets was opened a mud blood died.,"

"We know that it was Moaning Myrtle," added Ivan

"Of course, I told you." said Malfoy, "It is only a matter of time, I hope it's Granger or Mason, he is also an excellent choice."

Harry violently trembled while Ivan took a deep breath to restrain himself from beating up Malfoy.

"Did you know that the man who opened the chamber last time was caught?"

"It was said he was caught and expelled." said Malfoy, "You can check and see, whoever it is, they are probably still in Azkaban."

Ivan remembered when they learned that the expelled student was Hagrid but Hagrid was actually innocent.

"Malfoy your father must know something." asked Ivan cautiously, "Can you tell me who he has been in contact with recently? Maybe this can be a clue to help us figure out who the heir is."

"What do you mean, Crabbe?" Malfoy glared at him and said loudly, "are you doubting my father's taste in friends, unlike the Weasleys, my father is in contact with genuine pureblood wizards."

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"Although I want to help the heir, dad told me not to be in the spotlight." said Malfoy, "But you know the daily prophet hasn't reported on the attacks yet, which surprised me."

"Maybe it isn't worth reporting since they are only petrified and Dumbledore will cure that soon enough."

"Yeah it must be Dumbledore who is hiding everything." said Malfoy, "I hope everything will be exposed soon. My dad said that making Dumbledore the headmaster was the worst thing that has ever happened to the school. Dumbledore likes muggles, a decent headmaster would never let people like Mason and Granger come to school."

"Dumbledore is the best headmaster, Granger is first in her grade, and Mason' spells are great."

"That's a typical Gryffindor, that rude house is simply horrible," said Malfoy viciously, "Especially that damn mud blood Mason, he dared attack me, I will make him pay sooner or later."

"In addition to spells, he also runs a newspaper....."

"I guess the mud blood knelt down and licked Potter's shoes so Potter would agree to let him put Potter's mother's article in that poor newspaper." exaggerated Malfoy,"It was to attract people with Potter's mother's death, and the only thing that woman can do except give Potter a ridiculous scar is to show off."

I have to admit Malfoy is a pain in the neck.

When Harry head Malfoy insult his mother, he turned as red as an apple.

"What's wrong with you tonight?" asked Malfoy while looking at them strangely

"Nothing, I just...... I just have endured you for too long," said Ivan as he cracked his knuckles and looked at Malfoy with an evil look.

"Crabbe, what are you doing?" Malfoy suddenly had a bad feeling.

"That's simple, I'm going to beat you up," as soon as Ivan finished, he threw a punch at Malfoy.

Harry paused for a moment before he threw a punch out to, with the two of them punching, Malfoy didn't even get a chance to fight back.

Chapter 45 The Third Attack

A few Slytherin students sitting by the fire just stared at Goyle and Crabbe beating up Malfoy.

"God, what are you doing?" asked a surprised fifth-year student

"I'm fed up with him!" shouted Ivan

"Yeah, me too," answered Harry loudly

The two people were enraged, Ivan kicked Malfoy again, all of a sudden they leaped out of the Slytherin common room and ran towards the third-floor bathroom.

"Ivan, that was great! Make sure no one is around" grinned Harry, "That was the best Christmas present I've ever had in my life, beating Malfoy up on Christmas day."

"The look on Malfoy's face, I wished I could have taken a picture and put it in the newspaper," said Ivan

"But we were a little too impulsive," said Harry when the excitement subsided

From making the polyjuice potion to turning into Slytherin students and beating up Malfoy, everything is a serious violation of the school's rules. If we are caught we are bound to be expelled.

"Don't worry, nobody knows we did it." said Ivan, " in the eyes of others, it was Crabbe and Goyle, that beat up Malfoy."

"As long as we act normal we should be good...."

Harry suddenly stopped and said, "wait we can't go back yet, Hermione is still in Snape's office."

"I almost forgot, we need to find a way to rescue her."

The two quietly snuck to Snape's office door, they listened but there was no sound inside.

"I can't hear anything," said Ivan softly

"Maybe we can cause a commotion to lead Snape out," said Harry

As soon as his voice fell he saw that they were changing back.

Their time was up the two where gradually changing back to themselves.

It was horrible, and worse still, Hermione was still in Snape's office.

Thinking about Hermine transforming back into herself under Snape's cold gaze, was horrible to think about.

"No, there is no time!!" said Ivan as he kicked the door open

They then saw Snape sitting at his desk with a frightening grin on his face and a potion vial in front of him.

Hermione sat opposite of him, she was as pale as the moon.

"Crabbe, Goyle, what are you doing here?" Snape looked at them with a horrifying frown.

"Professor, something big has happened! It is Draco someone has attacked him in the common room, he is lying on the ground covered in blood, and we don't know what to do," shouted Ivan

"Yes you should go and take a look," said Harry hastily

"Attacked?! You two idiots, why didn't you send him to the school hospital."

"WE....." Ivan paused, he then panicked and said, "we weren't sure if it had anything to do with the previous two attacks,"

Because of the dim light in the office, Snape didn't notice that Ivan's face didn't look like the usual Crabbe.

"You wait here, watch her until I come back." Snape drew his wand and ran towards Slytherin's common room.

"Let's Go!" said Harry and Ivan when they saw Snape disappear, Ivan and Harry grabbed Hermione and ran.

"Thank you!" said Hermione as she breathed a sigh of relief, "He threatened to give me Veritaserum if I didn't tell him the truth."

"Veritaserum?"

"Yes" nodded Hermione, "But he didn't do so, he certainly guessed who I was so he was just waiting for the effects of the Polyjuice potion to wear off. But thanks to you bursting in at that time, the effects didn't wear off yet."

"We better hurry back to the third floor's bathroom."

Harry felt that his feet were becoming smaller so his shoes were now too big and he now had to pick up his clothes when he ran.

He then seemed to stumble over something and fell heavily to the ground.

Ivan and Hermione stopped, and by the dim candlelight, they could see what Harry had tripped over.

The two people were amazed.

"It was Justin, he's been attacked....." Hermione put her hand over her mouth to keep herself from screaming.

In front of them, lay Justin on the floor, he was stiff with a horrified expression. What lay in front of him were the shattered remains of the big mirror, the pieces of glass covered Justin's whole body.

Harry stood up and he noticed Justin Petrified on the ground.

Harry looked at each other in a hurry, he had a terrified face with a strange red tint.

The three have now completely changed back now.

This was the worst case scenario, the third attack has happened and they were the first to arrive at the scene again.

What would people say if they were seen by them?

Think about it, Justin had a conflict with Harry at the Duel Club recently, and there are rumors going around that Harry was going to attack him and now he is petrified right in front of him. In particular, they are now wearing Slytherin's uniform, so if people saw this they would truly think Harry was the heir.

But Ivan wasn't sure if Snape wouldn't welcome them.

"Leave him, let's go," said Ivan eagerly.

"We can't just leave him here, we have to find someone to help."

"Don't be stupid, Hermione, if we are present can you prove that Harry isn't the heir? Especially since we are wearing Slytherin's uniform, How do we explain it to others, we just took some Polyjuice potion and beat up Malfoy, that's all."

"Now it is Christmas, he may not be found for a while." hesitated Hermione.

"Don't worry, Snape will rush back soon, and he'll send Justin to the school hospital," said Harry

"But....."

"Don't worry, we need to change back to our clothes if you want to help him."

After Ivan finished, Ivan took her hand and started running again.