Rose

Early on, a noble family in the Draco Kingdom realized their heir was different. Their son was born with a powerful magic, but this came with serious consequences. As a human, using magic would harm him. Worse, if the King and Queen discovered his gift, he would be imprisoned or killed. His parents solved the first problem by using their wealth and connections to provide him with an enchanted rose wand. This allowed him to practice magic without draining his mind, body, and soul—but he still had to keep it secret. Once he came of age, his parents, with help from another noblewoman of Draco, enrolled him at L'ecole de Notre Dame and ensured his safe transport there. There, he could practice magic safely.

Rose studied and learned all he could about the school while on the journey there. During this time, he learned about Elizabeth Dépée—a legend at Notre Dame despite graduating over eight years ago. He was quick to idolize her, and decide he wanted to be just like her. On his first day at the school he observed a group of kids picking on another student in his class. Rose quickly rushed in to help, in an attempt to be like his hero. Though outnumbered three to one, he fought fiercely and managed to drive the bullies away, but not without sustaining a few blows. Afterward, the boy introduced himself as Luca. The two would have many similar encounters, as Luca was often bullied. Always focused more on academics than socializing, Rose was standoffish towards the boy he'd been rescuing at first, but over time they became close friends. Rose didn't even realize how close they had become until the summer after his first year at the school. Even without the pressure of the bullies, they were still spending most of their time together. Rose had never let anybody break down his walls before, and realized how nice it felt to finally let someone in. And while Luca depended on Rose to be there for him physically, Rose understood that he needed Luca to be there for him emotionally. And by the start of the next semester, the two were dating.

Having dated through Rose's entire second year at the school, by their next summer break the two boys wanted to take a little trip together. Both from high society, they had heard rumors of a secret shop selling rare magical artifacts. Curious to see if it was real, they decided that this would be the perfect trip for their school break. Upon arriving at the tavern they discreetly inquired about the "relic room" and were led to it. To their surprise it existed, and was filled to the brim with extraordinary artifacts. The shop held curios from across the world—pendants from the Arcanian ruins, shields from Isbrehiem, and bows all the way from the Heartlands. But one item caught Rose's eye above all others: a weathered phytomancy spellbook, its cover depicting a heart wrapped in vines.