

Agnes discovered she was going to have a baby, she felt she had disgraced her family. She left them and gave birth to Oliver in a workhouse. The only identification she had was a gold locket with her name in it, and the wedding ring Edwin hoped to put on her finger one day. We all know what happened to the locket." Mr Brownlow looked at Monks severely.

But Rose and Oliver did not think of the lost locket, for they had found something more important. "Then Oliver is my sister's son – my nephew!" cried Rose, getting to her feet.

Oliver ran to Rose, throwing his arms around her. "To me, you will always be a sister," he said.

Monks watched in disgust. He looked at Mr Brownlow. "What else do you need to know – so I can get out of here!"

"Why did you want to hide Oliver's identity?" Mr Brownlow asked.

Monks made a face. "When she heard that my father had died, my mother went to Italy. As his wife, she believed that she would get the inheritance. But she found out that he had made another will – leaving half of the money to a woman called Agnes. Mother destroyed that will, of course. Then she went and found Agnes' family and told them that she was Edwin's wife. They had no idea he was married. While my mother was there, she realised that Agnes was going to have a child. And this child would take my money away! She told me this and I never forgot it. I found Oliver and tried to make sure nobody ever finds out the truth about him. That's why I destroyed the locket." He glared at Oliver. "I wish I had killed him when I had the chance!"

"It is too late for that," said Mr Brownlow. "Now we all know the truth and you must give Oliver his half of the inheritance. Then you will go to a far away country and never bother any of us again."

Mr Brownlow's solution was agreed upon by everybody. Oliver did not much care about the money – he had found a family!

The only sad part was Nancy's terrible murder.

"They will find the man who did it," Mr Brownlow said. And he was right. A few days later, Sikes was found hiding in a slum,

