HOLES

Stanley tells Zero all about Madame Zeroni's curse. Put the verbs either in Simple Past or Past Perfect.

It all started with my great-great-grandfather Elya Yelnats. When he was 15 years old, he ..... **(fall)** in love with Myra Menke. Apparently, Myra's father had to choose which man would marry Myra. Elya ..... **(not be)** the only candidate. A pig farmer called Igor Barkov .....**(already ask)** for Myra's hand. Igor was 57 years old and .....**(always want)** to marry Myra. Although she ..... **(refuse)** many times before, he insisted. Myra's father decided that whoever brought the fattest pig would have Myra's hand in marriage. Elya was desperate so he ..... **(ask)** Madame Zeroni to help him. Madame Zeroni said, *"On the top of the mountain there is a stream where the water runs uphill. You must carry the piglet every day to the top of the mountain and let it drink from the stream. As it drinks, you are to sing to him."* Madame Zeroni ..... **(teach)** Elya a special song to sing to the pig. Madame Zeroni said to Elya that after doing that he ..... **(have)** to carry her up the mountain and let her drink from the stream while singing the song. If he failed to do this, he and his family would be doomed for all eternity. In the end, Elya and Igor's pigs weighed the same, so Myra's father told Myra to choose. Myra ..... **(not know)** who to pick, so she said, *"I'll marry whoever guesses the closest number between one and ten."* Igor guessed ten, but Elya didn't guess any number. Elya was so sad he forgot what he ..... **(promise)** Madame Zeroni. He saw that there was a free ticket on a ship to America and decided to go.