



### 334: They Became Fugitives

In S Country, Zorro, a Count with royal connections, now had enough influence to appeal to the royal family and request the police's cooperation in tracking down Sebastian and the others.

Xero, feeling the pressure, quickly sent a secret message to Sebastian and the others, urging them to hide as much as possible.

The O'Malley Family was in chaos. The family members and servants, totaling over a hundred people, were all forced outside the villa while the police and men from Graystone Castle thoroughly searched the estate.

The search lasted for an hour, with every corner of the vast O'Malley estate being turned upside down.

"Report, Commander, nothing!"

"Report, nothing here either!"

"We've checked over there, no sign of them!"

Everyone involved in the search returned empty-handed.

Xero let out a quiet sigh of relief, but the commander said, "As far as I know, The O'Malley Family still has a rear garden. Have you searched there?"

The O'Malley Family's parents immediately responded, "Commander, the rear garden has been abandoned for years. No one lives there."

"No one lives there? That's even more of a reason to check!"

The commander's voice had a mocking tone as he added, "I'll go check myself!"



With that, the commander led a group of men toward the rear garden of The O'Malley Family.

The rear garden appeared to be desolate, but once inside, the commander and his team's target was the old building at the center.

"Split up! We need to check every corner of this garden. The rest, follow me upstairs!"

The commander and his team began to search the building, but after thoroughly checking every room, they found no sign of Sebastian or Caitlin.

Despite not finding them, the commander noticed fresh food in one of the rooms, as if it had just been prepared.

"Mrs. O'Malley!" the commander barked. "Didn't you say this place was abandoned? Why is there fresh food? Who is it for?"

"It... it's for one of the servants. He stays here at night..." Mrs. O'Malley answered nervously.

"Bring him here!"

The servant was quickly brought forward. The commander pointed his weapon at the man's head. "Did you stay here?"

The servant was visibly shaking, but he answered, "Yes... Yes, I did..."

"Say it again! Where did you hide them?"

"No... no... really, there's nothing here... I'm the one who stays here..."

The servant immediately fell to his knees, bowing repeatedly.



The commander, seeing that no further information could be obtained, let the servant go and left the old building with his men.

As they exited, Mrs. O'Malley nearly collapsed, her legs giving way in fear.

In the front yard of The O'Malley Family, Xero and his family waited anxiously. Soon, the commander and the police met outside, having found no trace of the suspects.

The commander spoke to the crowd. "Listen up! If anyone has any information, the Count will offer a generous reward! But harboring suspects is a crime. You'll end up in prison!"

After issuing the warning, the commander and his men departed, leaving The O'Malley Family in a tense silence.

Once they were gone, Xero quickly headed toward the rear garden. The O'Malley family's servant helped Mrs. O'Malley inside, while Xero locked the door behind them before going inside to find Sebastian and Caitlin.

At that moment, Caitlin and Sebastian were hiding in the water lily pond, remaining hidden from the searchers who passed by. They stayed still, relying on the cover of the lilies until they were sure the danger had passed.

Sebastian helped Caitlin to the shore, and Xero, who had been looking for them, rushed over to help.

"Sorry, I was so worried! I didn't think you'd be hiding here!" Xero said, pulling them both out of the water.

Sebastian, grateful, said, "Xero, I'm sorry for the trouble."

"It's no problem! I've prepared some clothes for you," Xero replied.



With Xero's help, they bathed and changed into fresh clothes, finally able to settle down.

Caitlin couldn't have imagined how complicated a simple plan had become. She and Sebastian were now fugitives in S Country.

No matter what, they had to leave the country tomorrow. Only when they returned to the US would Zorro be unable to do anything to them.

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Graystone Castle.

The bodies of the fallen protectors were brought back to the castle. Apart from Zinnia and two other wounded protectors, Shadow Moon Pavilion's eight elite protectors had been reduced to just three survivors.

Zorro sat at the head of the room, looking at the dead bodies and the remaining few protectors. He let out a cold, eerie laugh. "I didn't expect that in one day, five of my eight protectors would die. It seems you all really should retire."

"Sorry, Commander!"

Zinnia and the others lowered their heads in shame.

"No need to apologize. The reason for this outcome is because someone among you has betrayed me!"

Zorro's words caused Zinnia and the other protectors to exchange nervous glances, their hearts filled with fear.

"A mere Trinity couldn't even be defeated? Am I blind, or is someone here deliberately working against me, helping Trinity?"



Zorro walked over to Zinnia, who tried not to show any signs of nervousness.

"I would never betray you!" Zinnia quickly spoke, but her voice quivered.

Zorro's gaze fixed on her face as he coldly scoffed. "Don't think I don't know everything. You and Trinity have a past, and during the battle, you let her go. Even at the dock, you showed mercy again."

Zinnia's heart raced. She didn't know how to respond, but Zorro's words made it clear. He had already figured everything out.

"Looks like I can't keep you anymore," Zorro said, pulling out a weapon and pointing it at Zinnia's temple. "Are you going to be the second Ximena, betraying me?"

"Commander, no! I didn't betray you. I'm loyal to Shadow Moon Pavilion!" Zinnia pleaded, panic rising in her chest.

"Hmph, too late. From now on, you'll sign the death contract and leave Shadow Moon Pavilion. You have three months to get close to Trinity and obtain the \*Yun's Aromatic Codex\*. Otherwise, your family will die!"

"Commander..."

Zinnia knelt, tears in her eyes. "Please don't do this. I didn't betray you. I just... I just think Trinity is also part of Shadow Moon Pavilion, and we shouldn't fight among ourselves."

"She is no longer part of it. And neither are you. Get on with your mission, or in three months, come back to collect the bodies of your parents!"

Reluctantly, Zinnia signed the death contract, giving her three months to obtain the \*Yun's Aromatic Codex\*. With a grim expression, Zorro shot



her in the abdomen.

Zinnia, once a proud protector, was now severely injured and lying on the floor, her life slipping away.

"Leave her at The O'Malley Family's doorstep!"

Zorro changed his strategy. For now, he decided not to pursue Caitlin and Sebastian directly. His focus remained on obtaining the \*Yun's Aromatic Codex\*.

He had confirmed that the one who had accompanied Sebastian to Graystone Castle was none other than Xero, the reckless second son of The O'Malley Family.

Zorro now needed Zinnia to get close to Caitlin and keep an eye on her.

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The O'Malley Family.

A servant rushed in, panicked. "Master, Madam, it's bad! We found a bloodied woman outside the gates!"

"What? Bloodied?" Xero's parents asked in alarm.

Xero quickly stood up. "I'll go take a look!"

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