



335: A Sniper's Scope is Already Aimed

Xero led the group to the front door, discovering the injured woman who had been part of the group that chased them earlier. She was from Graystone Castle, and Caitlin had mentioned that this woman had spared her life twice before. But now, why was she badly wounded, lying at the doorstep of his home?

No matter the reason, Xero quickly arranged for her to be sent to the hospital for treatment.

He immediately informed Caitlin and Sebastian about the situation. Caitlin was surprised to hear that Zinnia, her former mentor, had been injured. "What? You're telling me she's lying there wounded at The O'Malley Family's doorstep?"

"Yes, I don't know why she's here, but I've already arranged for her to be taken to the hospital."

"Alright, let me know if there's any progress."

After hanging up, Caitlin and Sebastian discussed the matter.

"Do you think Zinnia got injured after failing her mission and was hurt by Zorro?" Sebastian asked.

"It's very possible," he nodded.

"Do you think she came here, dragging herself through the pain, just to warn us?"

"We'll find out once she wakes up. For now, we can't really judge why she was at The O'Malley Family's doorstep. We can't concern ourselves too much with it. My men are on their way, and we'll head back to the US tomorrow."



Sebastian was cautious. Their quick arrival in S Country had meant they didn't bring any extra manpower, and the situation had turned a little precarious. For now, the priority was to ensure their own safety.

Zinnia was taken to the Link City hospital, where doctors performed several hours of treatment. The bullet was removed, and her life was saved.

The O'Malley Family's servants reported the news to Xero, who instructed them to keep an eye on the injured woman.

After a tense night, Xero learned the next morning that several of the major docks and airports in Link City were being closely monitored by the Count's men. They couldn't leave through the regular channels. However, members of The Obsidian Order had arrived to escort Sebastian and Caitlin.

After a long flight, Sebastian and Caitlin finally returned to the US, where Tyler and Xavi were waiting to greet them at the airport.

"Mr. Vanderbilt!"

"Mr. Vanderbilt, Caitlin, are you alright?"

Xavi had heard about their ordeal in S Country and had been worried sick. He had intended to travel with Sebastian, but Sebastian had stopped him, and now this had happened.

"We're fine, we'll talk later," Sebastian said as he helped Caitlin into the car, and they made their way back to The Vanderbilt Family.

Back at the manor, Sebastian helped Caitlin to bed and made sure she rested.

The children, hearing that their parents were back, ran to greet them.

Bruce, Arthur, Howard, and little Patricia were all there, visibly upset that their mother had been injured.

Upon hearing about the danger their parents faced in S Country, Bruce and Arthur immediately understood. "So mom got hurt at Zorro's Graystone Castle? Why would he want to hurt her? He's always been nice to us!"

Sebastian, sensing an opportunity to explain, called the boys over for a talk.

"Bruce, Arthur, you saw how badly mom got hurt. Do you know who did this to her?"

Both boys stared at him, eager for an answer.

"You both know Graystone Castle, right? The one who hurt your mother is the owner of that castle."

Arthur's eyes widened in disbelief. "You mean Zorro? Why would he want to hurt mom? He's always been good to us!"

"That's just what you've seen on the surface. He only treated you well to get your mom to do things for him. Now that your mom doesn't want to be used anymore and wants to leave the organization, he had her beaten."

"If dad hadn't arrived in time, you might not even see mom again!"

Bruce furrowed his brow, looking angry. "So, Zorro was pretending all along? He only cared about using mom?"

"We've all been deceived," Sebastian said.

After hearing the full story, both Bruce and Arthur were furious. They



now held Shadow Moon Pavilion in contempt, and anyone who hurt their mother would not be forgiven.

Caitlin stayed at The Vanderbilt Family to recover. Eliza and Beatrice came to visit her, reminding the staff to take good care of her.

Vincent, having heard the news, also came to see her. "Is everything alright, Second Sister-in-Law?"

"I'm fine, don't worry."

Vincent turned to Sebastian. "By the way, Sebastian, you missed yesterday's car race. You'll have to wait for the next one."

"Doesn't matter," Sebastian replied. He had agreed to race because of Zeke's challenge, but now that Zeke had been accidentally injured, and they had faced so many dangers, the race no longer seemed important.

What mattered now was that Caitlin needed to recover, and he was determined to stay by her side and care for her.

Meanwhile, at the hospital, Quincy, having heard that Caitlin had been injured during her trip to S Country, immediately tried to get out of bed.

Faith rushed to stop him. "Quincy, what are you doing?"

"I'm checking out of the hospital!" he said firmly.

"But the doctor—"

"I don't care! I need to be there for Caitlin!"

Quincy felt guilty, believing that if he hadn't been injured and stuck in the hospital, he could have gone with Caitlin to Graystone Castle and she wouldn't have been hurt.



With Quincy's insistence, Faith found a doctor to help him discharge.

Once he was out, Quincy and Faith went to The Vanderbilt Family to visit Caitlin.

When Caitlin saw Quincy, she was surprised. "You've already been discharged? How are you feeling?"

"I'm fine now. I could've left earlier. Caitlin, how are you?"

"I'm alright. Since you're already discharged, I have a task for you."

"What task?"

"When we were returning from Link City, Zinnia was badly injured and hospitalized. I want you two to check on her, see what happened, and make sure she's safe."

"Got it, we'll head out right away."

Quincy and Faith left to carry out the task. Caitlin was a person of deep feelings, and she wouldn't forget those who treated her well. Zinnia had always been kind to her, and now that Zinnia was in trouble, Caitlin wanted to help.

At the hospital, James had been waiting anxiously for his sister, but she had not shown up for several days. Eliza had been helping to care for him, but Caitlin had asked her not to tell James about her injury. Despite that, Eliza had accidentally let it slip.

Upon hearing that Caitlin had been injured in S Country, James could no longer sit still.

"Caitlin's injured? No, I have to go find her!"

"Hey, Harrison! Wait, you need to listen to me!"

James pulled out his IV and ran out of the hospital room, ignoring Eliza's pleas.

What James didn't know was that Kairos, who had been lying low ever since his injury in the US, had been watching the hospital. He had been waiting for this moment, and now, he finally had the chance.

James was unaware that, from a high building across the street, the barrel of a sniper rifle was already aimed at him!

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