

Escape to America

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Foreword: Most people don't know secret agents live among us, but even for those who do, no one knows about the SecretX. The SecretX is the bad group and though they haven't minded the other group up until now they are ready to show that they are the best secret agent group and that they are ready for world domination.

I poked my head out of the old bomb shelter we were hiding in. I still wasn't used to living like this. Being the mother figure of a family.

"Come on Aurora, we have to leave TODAY! The SecretX will find out about us if we don't move around like momma asked." my brother Leonardo said.

"We're meeting up with Lauren as soon as we reach Ireland." I replied.

My parents are secret agents (the good kind) and they just found out that the SecretX is going to try and take over the world! They knew us children, me Aurora, my brother Leonardo, and my younger sister Mary all wouldn't be safe back at home so they sent us off to try to reach America. We had been living in an old bomb shelter for a couple of days and Leonardo had decided that we needed to move so that the SecretX wouldn't find us. As soon as we reach Ireland we'll take a ship to America. Then we will be safe with other Secret Agents.

"We'll leave at 2 o'clock in the night okay?" Leonardo said.

We did most of our traveling in the dark because we didn't know if the SecretX had agents posted around Europe because if so then nobody was safe. Many times I had

seen girls my age that I would have loved to at least warn that the SecretX was trying to take over the world, but we had been told to stay hidden or get caught.

That night we went. Running through the forests, always glancing behind us was scary enough, but the fact that the moon wasn't out and it was pitch black didn't help. As we snuck out of the woods toward the street, trying to find a place to hide we heard something. Leonardo herded me and Mary into an alley and we hid behind trash cans. I put my finger to my lips for Mary and she nodded.

“Come on, those kids were somewhere around here, somewhere.”

I saw people in black jumpsuits come into the alley with a small white X on their shoulder. I silently gasped and looked at my siblings. Those people were from the SecretX. Mary was staring at me with wild eyes for even she knew who they were.

Leonardo whispered to me, “Remember mom gave us those gadgets to use if necessary. I'm going to attack them. I want you and Mary to escape. Don't worry about me. We'll meet soon, okay?”

And with that he escaped to the trash can on the other side of the alley. I pulled on Mary and my sticky boots and began to help her up the wall on the back of the alley leading to the forest. I ran to the end of the alley and began climbing, helping Mary up behind me and then heard something.

“HALT!” they cried at Leonardo.

He stopped, seeming tense. They hadn't seen us yet though. He stood in the alley and I watched him as I continued to climb.

“WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!” they cried.

He flinched and ran toward the end of the alley. I pushed Mary to the top and she immediately started climbing down the other side of the wall and into the woods. I was almost up when the SecretX agents saw me.

“COME BACK HERE!” They cried and I tried to hide in the shadows, but it was too late and they had seen me.

Leonardo had by this time already made it to the safety of the top of the wall (he was a better climber than me) and was trying to come back down to help.

I whispered, “GO! FIND MARY! I’ll catch up with you!”

I wasn’t sure exactly what to do, but I would figure out something. Then for some reason I leapt to the ground and stared down the SecretX.

“What do you want?” I yelled at them.

“WE WANT YOU!” They cried and ran toward me.

I dashed around them and out of the alley, while they followed close at my heels. Trying to shake them I ran faster than I had ever ran in my life. That was when I saw a glimpse of Leonardo in the alley, but I knew he couldn’t do anything. As I swerved around a corner I saw them closing in on me and knew that I probably wouldn’t be able to escape their grasp any longer.

Just when I thought that all was lost, Leonardo swooped in on a hoverboard, grabbed me and raced toward the forest where Mary was. He grabbed her, and then he turned toward the forest and raced into it at full speed.

After turning a couple of times to shake them Leonardo started looking for a place for us to hide. We eventually found an old shed and hurried into it to sleep for the night. We saw the SecretX go by through the windows and sighed.

Mary fell asleep instantly, but Leonardo and I sat up for a minute whispering.

“This is going to be a lot harder than we thought isn’t it?” I said.

“Yeah and this is only the first part of our journey, but I think we’ll be able to do it. Escaping from the SecretX is hard, but we’ll get through it.” he replied.

This calmed me somehow knowing that Leonardo thought we could do it. As I gradually fell asleep that night I realized we were back in hiding again, but knowing what could be out there made me more comfortable hiding now.