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005 MATTHEW

They're going to kill me, Robert!
John, please!

006 JOHN

They're not going to kill you,
Matthew.

007 MATTHEW

Maybe not, but... It's going to be
bad. I went to Mass! To Mass!
They'll flog me for sure!

008 ROBERT

You chose fidelity to the Lord,
even when it was dangerous. That's
something to be proud of. And God
will console you for your bravery.

009 MATTHEW

Try telling my Protestant parents
that.

ROBERT USHERS THEM ON.

010 ROBERT

It's just this way...

011 MATTHEW

What is?

012 ROBERT

Shhh. Quiet.

ROBERT TAPS A SECRET KNOCK ON A WOODEN DOOR.
THERE IS A KNOCK IN RESPONSE. THE DOOR OPENS.

013 ANNE

(playful)

What's this? A new fugitive?

014 MATTHEW

Who... Who is she? A woman, without
a chaperone? At this hour?

015 ROBERT

He is right. Anne, what are you
doing here?

016 ANNE

Oh please. I borrowed our footman's
cloak and slipped past my
Governess. She'll assume I've gone
to bed early.

017 ROBERT
If you're caught-

018 ANNE
Stop speaking in the doorway and
come in. Get in, get in!

THE BOYS ENTER. DOOR SHUTS QUICKLY BEHIND THEM.

6 INT. THE SECRET SOCIETY HOUSE - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

019 MATTHEW
What... what is this place?

020 JOHN
This is the clubhouse for our
Secret Society.

021 MATTHEW
Wow. Your Secret What?

022 ROBERT
There are others like you. Others
who believe, who won't be silenced.
We've been meeting in secret for
years.

023 MATTHEW
And what do you do?

024 JOHN
We learn.

025 ANNE
We protect.

026 JOHN
We *refuse*.

027 ROBERT
We honor God in a country where
they want us to forget Him.

Matthew hesitates, and then...

028 MATTHEW
To honor God... What must I do to
be a part of it?

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ROBERT, JOHN, AND ANNE LAUGH TO ONE ANOTHER AND
THEN ROBERT STEPS FORWARD TOWARD MATTHEW.