

SMASH CUT TO:

8 EXT. SMALL COTTAGE, THE CATHOLIC SAFE HOUSE - A LITTLE LATER

ROBERT KNOCKS. A DOOR OPENS AND A WOMAN APPEARS.

START >>> 074 HELEN

You're lost.

THE DOOR STARTS TO SHUT AND ROBERT STOPS IT.

075 ROBERT

Please. We're not lost. We follow
the Lamb... wherever He goes.

076 HELEN

(testing)

And what shall be the sign of the
true flock?

077 MARK

(quickly)

They shall know one another by
their wounds.

078 HELEN

(still cautious)

By their wounds, and by their
words.

079 MARK

(nervously)

But what words-

ROBERT PRAYS SILENTLY. SOFT MUSIC PLAYS, THEN:

080 ROBERT

Ave Maria, gratia plena...

081 ROBERT

Dominus tecum

081r HELEN

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THE DOOR OPENS FULLY.

082 HELEN

Get inside. Quickly.

The group sits by the fireside, drinking tea.

FIRE CRACKLES. TEA CUPS ARE SET ON SAUCERS.

083 HELEN

How did you learn the secret code?

084 ROBERT

Father Allen taught us. In Douai.

085 HELEN

Douai? My, then you boys have traveled nearly 500 miles on foot.

086 PAUL

We did not know if we'd make it through the night.

087 HELEN

Many don't. But you did. No one finds this place unless they're meant to.

088 MARK

We're heading to Rome. To join the Society of Jesus.

A LONG PAUSE. THE FIRE CRACKLES.

089 HELEN

You boys are brave. I don't have much, but what I have is yours.

090 MARK

(laughing)

A warm meal, a roof, and someone who doesn't want to arrest us? It's practically heaven.

HELEN LAUGHS.

091 ROBERT

Do you have pen and ink, by chance?

HELEN GETS UP AND LOOKS AROUND.

092 HELEN

I'm sure I do somewhere.

093 ROBERT

We left our last place in a hurry and I have been desperate to write down some thoughts.

094 HELEN

Ahh here you are.

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SHE HANDS HIM SOME INK.