

FINDING SECRETS IN RUSSIA

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FADE IN:

EXT. THE ZEILERS' NEIGHBORHOOD IN WASILLA, ALASKA - NIGHT

The credits begin to roll with red and green lettering as the front door to a house is opened, which reveals ALEXIS, ZACK, COURTNEY, DAVID, AVA, and ATHENA standing on the porch as they begin to sing "WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS" while it's snowing. Obviously, they're Christmas caroling as they go door to door, and Alexis has the music (not the lyrics) playing from her smartphone. And they're dressed warmly in very pretty wool/fleece coats, stocking caps, and gloves.

The NEIGHBOR FATHER, 37 years old, is the one who opened the door, and just after the singing starts, he's quickly joined by his nice family, consisting of his wife and their two kids: NEIGHBOR MOTHER, 36 years old, NEIGHBOR SON, 8 years old, and NEIGHBOR DAUGHTER, 6 years old. They clearly enjoy the song as the Zeilers and Athena sing it beautifully.

The town of Wasilla is covered nicely in snow, and this house is the neighboring house to the Zeilers' house, though it's not real close since both houses have fairly big yards.

This is the last house of caroling for the Zeilers and Athena, and it's a nice house, with red and green Christmas lights shining nicely on it. Notably, it's the winter after the summer where they found the treasure in Greece.

ALEXIS, ZACK, COURTNEY, DAVID, AVA, AND
ATHENA

(singing)

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin.
Good tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year.

We all know that Santa's coming,
We all know that Santa's coming,
We all know that Santa's coming
And soon will be here.

Good tidings we bring
 To you and your kin.
 Good tidings for Christmas
 And a happy New Year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas
 And a happy New Year.

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 To you and your kin.
 Good tidings for Christmas
 And a happy New Year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas
 And a happy New Year.

The Neighbor Father, Neighbor Mother, and their two children
 loved the song, so they're smiling at the Zeilers and
 Athena, who are smiling back since they loved singing it.

NEIGHBOR MOTHER
 That was fantastic! Thank you, and
Merry Christmas to you!

ALEXIS
 It was our pleasure.

Alexis waves goodbye to the family, and they wave back to
 her.

ALEXIS (CONT'D)
 Merry Christmas!

Zack, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena join Alexis in waving
 goodbye to the family, who's waving back at them, while they
 start walking on the sidewalk that leads to the driveway as
 they head back towards the Zeilers' house. Of course, the
 sidewalk, driveway, and road have been cleared of the snow
 that covers everything else.

NEIGHBOR FATHER
Merry Christmas!

NEIGHBOR SON
Merry Christmas!

AVA
Merry Christmas!

NEIGHBOR DAUGHTER
Merry Christmas!

ZACK
Merry Christmas!

The Neighbor Father closes the door while the Zeilers and Athena continue to walk towards the Zeilers' house in the falling snow.

DAVID
That was a lot of "Merry
Christmases."

Everyone else smiles at David's comment as they walk onto the driveway.

COURTNEY
So, Athena, are you enjoying your
first day in Alaska?

ATHENA
Yeah, except I can't feel
anything.

The Zeilers laugh, and Athena smiles.

ATHENA (CONT'D)
Is it always this cold?

COURTNEY
Yes, all winter.

The Zeilers and Athena walk onto the road, and then they walk along the side of the road as they head home. And there are piles of snow along each side of the road that were formed by the snowplows clearing the roads.

ALEXIS
So, I'm guessing Zack didn't give
you much of a warning.

Athena gives a playfully mean look at Zack.

ATHENA

Bad Zack.

Everyone smiles.

ZACK

In my defense, she would still be
in Greece if I told her.

Everyone smiles.

ATHENA

No, I'd still be here.

Athena smiles at Zack, and he smiles back at her. Then,
Athena addresses everyone.

ATHENA (CONT'D)

And I love Christmas caroling with
you guys. Do you do this every
year?

ALEXIS

Yeah, we usually do it with our
church group, but sometimes, we
just go by ourselves.

DAVID

We need some new songs though. We
keep singing the same ones.

AVA

They're Christmas carols. They're
the most popular songs ever, and
they've stood the test of time more
than any other songs. Some of them
are even hundreds of years old.
You don't just get new ones.

DAVID

Don't make me bury you in a snow
pile again.

Ava laughs as she smiles at David.

AVA

OK, you win. I agree with
everything you say.

David smiles back at Ava, and everyone else smiles too.

Just after David turns his attention away from Ava, she
throws in an extra comment.

AVA (CONT'D)

Even the really stupid stuff.

Everyone laughs, except David just smiles as he stops and looks down at Ava, so everyone else also stops just a little before they reach the Zeilers' driveway.

Ava knows she's in trouble as she smiles up at David.

COURTNEY

She never knows when to quit.

Everyone smiles.

AVA

Snow pile?

David smiles wide at Ava.

DAVID

Yep.

David picks Ava up and plows her into the pile of snow next to the side of the road that was formed by the snowplows.

Ava laughs as she crashes through the tall pile of snow and lands with her back on the snow beyond the pile that's just a few inches deep like the rest of the fallen snow, with David on top of her.

David playfully wrestles with Ava, and she's clearly at his mercy since he's bigger, but they're both laughing since they're having a lot of fun.

Everyone else is smiling at this playful fight, and then they start to walk back to their house, leaving David and Ava wrestling in the snow.

ATHENA

So, do all of their arguments end up with David beating up Ava?

ZACK

Pretty much. And we used to protect her until we found out she's usually the instigator.

ALEXIS

Yep, now, she's a lost cause, thrown to the wolves ... or wolf anyway.

Athena smiles as she, Alexis, Zack, and Courtney turn onto the Zeilers' driveway, and they head towards the front door.

The Zeilers' snow-covered house is very beautiful, with red and green Christmas lights glowing nicely around the edges of the roof and the window frames, and Lake Lucille is frozen behind it. And the credits finish rolling.

INT. ZEILERS' LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

EMILY, Alexis, and Courtney are sitting on a sofa that's against a wall. Next to the side of the sofa, Zack and Athena are sitting on a loveseat, with Athena curled up next to Zack's side, and they're the only ones covered in a blanket since Athena is cold because she's not used to Alaskan winters yet. Also, there's a very nice fire that everyone is facing.

David and Ava are sitting in their own separate big furry bean bags next to each other that are at the side of the loveseat, but they're also perpendicular and a little in front of the loveseat, so they're a little closer to the fire.

Everyone is drinking hot chocolate from transparent glasses that make it look delicious. And, in the corner of the room, there's a very pretty Christmas tree that has red and green Christmas lights shining on it, which combine with the fire to provide about the only light in this nicely darkened room this evening.

EMILY

So, did you guys have fun?

COURTNEY

Yeah, Athena froze to death, and David beat up Ava.

EMILY

Well, that seems about normal ... for us.

Everyone smiles.

ALEXIS

Hey, where's Dad?

EMILY

Your dad lost track of time as usual, so he didn't start heading his fishing boat back on time. His workers don't mind though since he has to pay them overtime. Anyway, he should be here soon.

ATHENA

Don't you worry about him being out there on the ocean?

EMILY

I did when we were young, but then I made him promise to never tell me anything bad about his job. That way, I just pretend he saves all his dangerous adventures for his family.

Everyone smiles.

AVA

That's probably best since he told me some stories about work, and ...

Emily gives Ava a gentle, though stern, warning.

EMILY

Ava.

Ava gets Emily's message that she doesn't want to hear any stories of danger.

AVA

They were all very safe.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

TRISTAN opens the front door, so everyone turns their attention towards him.

TRISTAN

Hello, family people!

Tristan closes the front door.

AVA

Hey, Dad!

Tristan takes off his coat and hangs it on a wall hook next to the front door.

TRISTAN

Hey, there!

Tristan kicks off his boots, and he walks towards everyone.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

How did the Christmas caroling go?

Tristan sits down in a recliner next to the side of the sofa that's closest to the front door, with the loveseat being on the side of the sofa that's farthest from the front door.

COURTNEY

It was fun. We mostly sang "We Wish you a Merry Christmas."

TRISTAN

Oh, that's a good song. They should start coming up with new ones though.

David and Ava smile at each other since Tristan agrees with David that there should be new Christmas carols.

DAVID

I told you.

Ava laughs.

AVA

Yeah, like Dad's a good defense.

David smiles at Ava as she continues to laugh.

TRISTAN

OK, everyone, I have a fantastic idea.

Everyone gets excited, although Alexis doesn't get too excited since she's always more cautious.

ALEXIS

You know, those are going to be our family's last words someday.

TRISTAN

Actually, I always thought they were going to be "David, don't touch that."

Tristan smiles while everyone else laughs.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Anyway, I was talking to one of my boatmates yesterday, and he was saying how much fun he had when he visited Russia earlier this year. So, last night, I talked to your mom, who happens to be my wife or something.

Emily rolls her eyes while shaking her head, and everyone else smiles/laughs.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

And she agreed that we should go to Russia for a few days and, then, come back here for Christmas.

Everyone gets really excited.

COURTNEY

That is so awesome!

AVA

Yay, we're going to Russia!

ALEXIS

Yeah, this is so cool. It's amazing that Russia is practically next door, and we've never even been there before.

Emily looks purposely at Tristan.

EMILY

And Tristan has something that he'd like to add. Isn't that right, husband?

Tristan addresses everyone.

TRISTAN

Oh, yeah, we can't do any international espionage or treasure hunting or anything with danger in it. This is simply a nice, relaxing vacation.

Tristan looks over at Emily.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Did I say that right?

Emily smiles at Tristan.

EMILY

Yes, that was perfect.

Tristan smiles back at Emily.

ZACK

So, considering Christmas is next week, when do we leave?

TRISTAN

Tomorrow morning, except Athena has to stay here. She's Greek, and we can't get her through customs.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

ATHENA

Hey, you better be joking.

TRISTAN

I am. Besides, it's usually Ava that I leave behind. Right, Ava?

Everyone smiles since, obviously, they know that Tristan has accidentally left Ava behind a few times (e.g., Tristan left Ava behind in a blizzard in "Finding Christmas in Alaska"). And Ava responds enthusiastically as she gives a thumbs up to Tristan.

AVA

Right, Dad!

Everyone smiles/laughs.

EXT. THE RED SQUARE IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA - DAY

While it's snowing, we're soaring above until we arrive at the snow-covered Red Square, with a flowing river, the Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral, and an ice rink in the middle of Red Square providing a stunning view.

Tristan, Emily, Alexis, Zack, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena are ice skating on the Red Square's nice-looking ice rink that's fairly large. They're dressed in wool/fleece coats, but they're not wearing stocking caps or gloves. Near the side of the rink, the huge red wall of the Kremlin is standing, and this wall contains exquisite palaces that are towering above the wall. In front of the rink, St. Basil's Cathedral is just a little ways across Red Square, and its beautifully colored onion domes have a little snow on them.

Outside of the rink, there are quite a few people walking on Red Square, and the rink itself is fairly busy with skaters going around in circles, but there's certainly plenty of room for everyone to skate freely.

The Zeilers and Athena are having a lot of fun skating in Red Square, which is truly one of the most iconic sites in the world, and it's made even more beautiful by the falling snow.

Tristan and Emily are skating together while Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava are skating together. The Zeilers are great skaters, so they easily skate around the rink, and indeed, all of them are skating around breezily as if they don't have a care in the world.

However, Athena has never skated before, so Zack has his right arm locked with Athena's left arm, and Athena has her right hand holding onto his right arm as he helps her skate. They're skating a lot slower than everyone else, but they're still having a lot of fun.

While Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava continue to skate together, Ava throws her hands up in the air as she screams in excitement.

AVA
We're in Russia!

Alexis, Courtney, and David smile at Ava's excitement, and David addresses Alexis and Courtney, though Ava hears his comments too.

DAVID
I wonder what gave it away.

Alexis, Courtney, and Ava smile, and then David smiles too.

COURTNEY
All I know is this is the coolest
ice rink ever.

ALEXIS
I guess it's true that real estate
is all about location.

Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava smile.

Tristan and Emily are continuing to skate together.

TRISTAN
Are you getting tired yet?

EMILY
No, this is just like skating back
home, except for this unbelievable
city, of course. It's so
beautiful. I feel like I could
skate here forever.

TRISTAN
Yeah, it's times like these when it
really pays off to have a frozen

lake in your backyard to get good
at skating.

Emily gestures over to Zack and Athena.

EMILY

Yeah, but I'm guessing Athena
doesn't have a frozen lake near her
house.

Tristan looks over at Zack and Athena and smiles since
they're, obviously, skating really slow.

TRISTAN

I sure hope not.

Tristan and Emily smile at each other.

Zack is being patient and supportive of Athena as he
continues to have his right arm locked with her left arm as
they skate.

ZACK

You're doing great for your first
time ice skating.

ATHENA

Thanks, but I would have fallen
about twenty times already if you
weren't helping me.

ZACK

Well, I guess that means you have
to be nice to me.

Athena smiles.

ATHENA

Except I'm already nice to you.

ZACK

That's true. I knew I should have
asked for something else.

Athena laughs, and then Zack smiles.

Tristan and Emily skate up next to the wall of the skating
rink that's facing St. Basil's Cathedral, and they stop
there and rest their arms on top of the wall as they enjoy
the view of Red Square.

Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava notice their parents
stopped next to the wall, so they skate up next to them and
stop and rest their arms on top of the wall too.

Meanwhile, Zack and Athena just continue skating around the rink.

Tristan, Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava are amazed at the awesome view of Red Square as the snow continues to fall.

TRISTAN

This is really cool, huh?

ALEXIS

Yeah, this is amazing.

TRISTAN

OK, should we let Ava go?

COURTNEY

Yeah, I think she'll explode if she doesn't.

TRISTAN

Go ahead, Ava!

Ava points at the parts of Red Square as she explains it while everyone looks where she's pointing.

AVA

OK, this is Moscow's Red Square. Its name comes from a Russian word that meant beautiful, but later, it meant red. And that's the Kremlin where the Russian president lives. The current walls were built in the fourteen hundreds, and it has several fantastic palaces and cathedrals, so it's a pretty nice place to call home. Down there is St. Basil's Cathedral, which was built in the fifteen hundreds when churches were the tallest buildings in the world until skyscrapers came along. And no one knows why a lot of Russian churches have onion domes, but one guess is that they help keep snow off of the roofs. Anyway, St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin are big achievements in architecture. And, then, there's this ice rink, which is only about twenty years old, but it's a lot more fun.

Tristan, Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava smile.

TRISTAN
Alright, good job, Ava!

Ava smiles even wider.

ALEXIS
So, what are we doing after
skating?

EMILY
We rented a log cabin near St.
Petersburg, so we'll go there
tonight, and we'll spend a couple
of nights there.

DAVID
And, then, we're off to Siberia to
drop off Ava.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

AVA
Ha! Ha!

David and Ava smile at each other.

Courtney turns away from looking out at Red Square, and she rests her back against the wall of the rink as she looks at the people who are ice skating. And she admires the famous Russian fur hats that a lot of the ice skaters are wearing.

COURTNEY
Well, I know what my souvenir is
going to be. I'm going to get one
of those Russian fur hats.

Everyone else turns around and rests their backs against the wall too as they join Courtney in admiring the hats.

ALEXIS
That's a great choice. I've always
thought they're the prettiest hats
in the world.

AVA
I think so too. And they look so
comfortable. What color are you
going to get?

COURTNEY
I'd take any color since I love all
of them, but I think I'll get
black.

AVA

Oh, yeah, I like that color.

David addresses Tristan and Emily in desperation.

DAVID

They're talking about hats. Can you guys make it stop?

EMILY

Sorry, but they are girls.

TRISTAN

Yeah, it's one of their many defects.

Emily stares seriously at Tristan, so he knows he said something wrong. And David looks at Tristan and Emily while Alexis, Courtney, and Ava don't pay attention to them since they just keep looking at the skaters.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

I meant charm. It's part of their charm. Otherwise, we'd be talking about things like sports and fishing all day, and who'd want that?

Tristan smiles at Emily, but her stare doesn't lessen at all.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

I just mean one can't have fun all day, so it's good to break it up once in a while.

Tristan smiles at Emily, but her stare still hasn't lessened at all.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

So, I just say I'm sorry, and I'll take them hat shopping?

Emily smiles at Tristan, who smiles back at her, breaking the tension.

EMILY

You're lucky I'm really happy right now.

David laughs, and Tristan and Emily smile at him as the snow keeps falling.

INT. LOG CABIN MAIN BEDROOM - DAY

In the morning, Tristan and Emily are resting under the bed covers on their big bed. Emily is on her side as she's curled up against Tristan's side with her right arm on his chest under the covers, and Tristan is on his back with his right arm extending under her neck and, then, wrapping around her shoulders. They're wearing their usual bedtime outfits, with Emily wearing her pajamas that are cut off above the knees and elbows and Tristan wearing his T-shirt and shorts. Their eyes are closed since they're not quite ready to get up for the day.

Like the rest of the log cabin, this is a very nice room where the floor, walls, and ceiling consist of light-colored wood that's smooth (not rounded logs).

Suddenly, a snowball hits the window next to the side of the bed and splatters, making a fairly loud sound, but Tristan and Emily don't even open their eyes.

TRISTAN

The kids are up.

EMILY

Yep.

TRISTAN

Back to sleep?

EMILY

Yep.

TRISTAN

OK.

So, Tristan and Emily remain resting in bed.

EXT. LOG CABIN BACKYARD - DAY

The log cabin has three stories (including the basement), and like the interior, it's beautifully made of smooth light-colored wood. Also, it's nicely isolated in the peaceful countryside, with no other buildings close to it. The snow-covered backyard is wide open, with the surrounding trees being fairly far away, and the backyard is fairly flat, so it's a great place to have fun.

Alexis and Athena are close to the back of the log cabin, and they're rolling a small snowball that's increasing in size with each roll. This snowball will become the head for their nearby snowman since they already have the snowman's two other snowballs placed on top of each other.

Further out from the log cabin, there's a big snowball fight where Zack and Ava are on one team while Courtney and David are on the other team. Each team made a wall of snow that's about three feet tall and four feet wide, and each team has piles of snowballs sitting behind these snow walls. These walls are only about forty feet apart, so the teams are able to reach each other with snowballs that they throw.

Each team is currently throwing snowballs at each other, but they're not hitting each other since everyone just ducks behind the snow walls every time a snowball comes at them.

Everyone is dressed in their wool/fleece coats, gloves, and stocking caps, except Courtney is wearing a black Russian fur hat. Of course, Courtney got this beautiful hat as her souvenir, and she often wears it on this trip in Russia.

So, while Alexis and Athena build their snowman, everyone else is lobbing snowballs at each other. And, since Alexis and Athena are a little ways away from the ones throwing snowballs, the two activities don't bother each other.

After Courtney and David throw another pair of snowballs towards Zack and Ava that miss, they sit down with their backs against the snow wall that protects them. And they simply rest while Zack and Ava continue to throw snowballs at them that miss as they either hit the snow wall or fly over the wall and, thus, over the heads of Courtney and David.

DAVID

Well, this isn't working too good.

COURTNEY

Yeah, no one can hit anyone.
Apparently, all you have to do to
ruin snowball fights is build a
wall of snow.

DAVID

Yeah, but I've got a plan.

COURTNEY

Why do I have a feeling this isn't
going to be good for me?

DAVID

OK, you're going to run at them and
dive headfirst through their wall.

COURTNEY

I knew it.

DAVID

And, then, while you're lying there, they'll pelt you with any snowballs that you didn't take out, so they'll quickly run out of ammo, and then I'll come in and take them out.

Zack and Ava stop throwing snowballs, but Courtney and David don't notice it yet.

COURTNEY

So, basically, they kill me, and then you kill them, so you're the only one who's left standing?

DAVID

Yeah, so we good?

COURTNEY

No, I'm not doing that. Besides, it would ruin my new hat.

DAVID

Oh, well, I do like your hat.

Courtney smiles at David.

COURTNEY

You do?

David smiles back at Courtney.

DAVID

Yeah, and it looks nice with the color of your hair and your eyes.

Courtney smiles even wider.

DAVID (CONT'D)

So, I guess you don't have to put your head through the wall.

David is actually being mostly sincere, and Courtney is warmed by this.

COURTNEY

Ah, that's the nicest thing you ever said to me.

DAVID

I guess I'm getting sentimental in my old age.

Courtney and David smile at each other.

COURTNEY

We're having a moment, aren't we?

DAVID

Yeah, I guess so. It's probably
because it's so peaceful and quiet.

Courtney realizes that Zack and Ava haven't been throwing snowballs at them.

COURTNEY

Too quiet.

David catches on to what Courtney means, so he also realizes that no one has been throwing snowballs.

DAVID

Oh-oh.

Suddenly, Zack and Ava run past Courtney and David's wall and stop, with Zack on one side of the wall and Ava on the other side of the wall, and they immediately start throwing snowballs at Courtney and David.

Of course, Courtney and David can do nothing but cover their own heads as they try to protect themselves from the onslaught, and they scream out in pain with each hit.

Zack and Ava are laughing since they're enjoying their very successful ambush. Each of them has about five snowballs in their arms, and they throw all of them at Courtney and David.

Zack and Ava throw their snowballs rapidly, so they quickly run out.

So, Zack and Ava, who are still laughing, start to run back towards their own snow wall.

Courtney and David stop protecting themselves, and they're smiling since they had fun too. And they quickly start picking up as many snowballs as they can.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Let's get them!

COURTNEY

Definitely!

Courtney and David each have about five snowballs in their arms as they run after Zack and Ava.

Courtney and David fire their snowballs at Zack and Ava, and most of them hit them in their backs.

Zack and Ava reach their wall, so they each slide down on a separate side of it, and they start to pick up some of the snowballs that were sitting behind the snow wall.

Then, Zack and Ava stand up and start throwing snowballs at Courtney and David.

Courtney stops about fifteen feet away from Zack and Ava's snow wall as she throws her last snowball at them.

And David throws his last snowball at Zack and Ava too, but he doesn't stop as he keeps running fast and dives headfirst into the snow wall as Zack and Ava run out of the way, and this causes the snow wall to blow up in a spectacular explosion.

David is lying on his stomach as Zack and Ava rush to him and stop with each one standing next to one of David's sides, and they start pelting him with snowballs as David covers his head to protect himself. And, of course, David screams out in pain with each hit while Zack and Ava laugh.

DAVID

This was supposed to be Courtney!

Courtney laughs as she simply watches the action from afar.

There are still a good number of snowballs piled up where the snow wall was destroyed, so Zack and Ava pick up some of them, and since they've already nailed David pretty good, they start throwing the snowballs at Courtney while David just turns over onto his back and rests as he recovers from his beating.

Since Courtney is out of snowballs, she bends down and quickly starts to make snowballs with her hands, and after each one that she makes, she throws it at Zack and Ava.

Everyone is having fun as they smile/laugh while having their snowball fight.

Meanwhile, Alexis and Athena are finishing their beautiful snowman, with the snowman facing towards the log cabin, so it's facing away from the snowball fight. The snowman is five feet tall, and it has a blue stocking cap, a red-and-blue striped scarf, and a carrot nose. And it has rocks for its eyes, mouth, and buttons. It's completed, but Alexis and Athena are brushing off some snow from its face to make it more even.

Courtney is losing the battle, so she starts to run towards the snowman. Then, Zack throws a snowball at Courtney, but it sails way over her, and it hits his girlfriend, Athena, on the side of her head, leaving a patch of snow on her stocking cap.

So, the entire snowball fight stops as everyone freezes and looks at Athena, who's in shock as she looks at Zack.

Zack recoils in shame as he smiles sheepishly while waving at Athena.

ZACK

Sorry!

Athena smiles at Zack.

ATHENA

I'm on the team against Zack!

Athena bends down and picks up snow.

Alexis smiles.

ALEXIS

Me too!

Alexis bends down and picks up snow too.

Alexis and Athena start running after Zack while each of them makes a snowball out of the snow that they just picked up.

Zack smiles, and then he bends down and makes a snowball since there aren't any pre-made snowballs left.

Zack throws his snowball at Alexis and hits her, and while Alexis and Athena are running at him, they throw their snowballs at Zack and hit him.

Alexis, Zack, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena start making snowballs and throwing them at whomever they want. So, there are no longer teams, and everyone is just having fun as they run around and throw snowballs at each other.

So, it's just a chaotic mess of people running after each other and a lot of snowballs flying through the air and hitting each other.

Everyone is laughing/smiling as they enjoy their snowball fight that has become truly epic.

Ava throws a snowball that hits Zack in the side of his head, so he playfully falls down onto the snow.

ZACK
Oh, I've been hit!

Ava raises her hands in victory.

AVA
Woo-hoo!

Zack smiles as he gets up while making a snowball, and he sarcastically addresses his former teammate, Ava, for hitting him with a snowball.

ZACK
Thanks, partner.

Zack hits Ava with a snowball, so she screams as they both enjoy their interplay.

The snowball fight doesn't let up as snowballs continue to fly everywhere, with some hitting and some missing their targets.

Alexis throws a snowball at Zack, and then David sneaks up behind her and puts some snow down the back of her coat, and then he runs away at half speed as he heads towards the snowman. Obviously, this makes Alexis very cold and causes her to dance a little.

ALEXIS
Ah, that's cold! That's cold!
That's cold! David, you're a dead
man!

Alexis starts running full speed after David.

David realizes Alexis is running fast, so he starts running fast too. Meanwhile, everyone else keeps throwing snowballs at each other.

David reaches the snowman, and he goes around to the front of it. Then, he turns around and faces Alexis while he bends down a little in order to be more fully protected by the snowman, and he looks over the snowman's shoulder as he yells at Alexis.

DAVID
Ha, ha! You lose, Alexis. You
can't get me now.

Alexis approaches the snowman, and she doesn't slow down at all as she dives headfirst through the snowman, causing an explosion of snow as the snowman comes crashing down as she tackles a very surprised David to the snowy ground.

So, David is lying on his back while Alexis is lying on her stomach next to him, and she has her arm lying across him since she tackled him, and their heads are next to each other.

Everyone else immediately stops throwing snowballs as they look over at Alexis and David in surprise. Indeed, Alexis shocked everyone with her excellent tackling skill through the snowman.

DAVID (CONT'D)

I didn't think you had it in you.

Alexis smiles at David.

ALEXIS

That snow was really cold.

David smiles back at Alexis.

DAVID

You ruined your snowman.

Alexis laughs while David smiles.

EXT. WINTER PALACE IN ST. PETERSBURG - DAY (ESTABLISHING)

We're soaring above as we approach this magnificent palace from the side and back of it, crossing over the river that runs behind it until we come around to the front of it.

It's one of the most impressive buildings in the world, with its immense size combined with elegant beauty. And its light-green, white, and gold coloring is very exquisite and unique.

On the large snow-covered open area in front of the palace, there are a fair number of people, with some of them walking as they go about their daily business while others are tourists who are admiring this great palace.

INT. JORDAN STAIRCASE - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena are standing with a group of about fifteen other tourists while a TOUR GUIDE, a 30-year-old woman, is telling them about the Winter Palace. The Tour Guide speaks in English with a Russian accent since this tourist group is, obviously, for English speakers. Some of the tourists are wearing their coats while others are holding their coats. And, notably, one of the tourists is VIKTOR, a 50-year-old man who's fit for his age.

They're standing on the bottom of the Jordan Staircase in the center of the room. This is the main staircase of the Winter Palace, and it's truly astounding. The staircase is made of white marble, and it actually separates into two staircases that rise up on both sides of the tour group, and everyone is admiring this great room as they listen to the Tour Guide. There are many white marble statues, and the floor, walls, and ceiling are also white. In a nice contrast to the general whiteness of the room, there's a red carpet covering the center of the stairs, there are many gold decorations (e.g., lighting fixtures) on the walls, and there's a nice big painting on the ceiling.

TOUR GUIDE

Welcome to the Winter Palace, which is one of the world's greatest buildings. It was built in the seventeen hundreds, and it contains fifteen hundred rooms. The tsars lived here from seventeen thirty-two to nineteen seventeen. And the tsars would come down this palace's main staircase for the Epiphany, which is an annual celebration in Eastern Christianity of the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. That's why this staircase is called the Jordan Staircase. Of course, for the rest of the year, it served to impress guests as they arrived for state functions. Now, please follow me as we go up the stairs and continue our tour.

The Tour Guide starts to walk up the stairs, and everyone else in the tour group follows her.

ALEXIS

She stole your job.

AVA

I know. I even told everyone most of that on the drive here.

Alexis and Ava smile at each other.

INT. ROOM FILLED WITH PAINTINGS - DAY

The Tour Guide is exiting the room as the tour group follows her slowly since they're admiring the beautiful room, which has many nice paintings hanging on the walls, as well as some nice furnishings. The Zeilers and Athena are near the back of the group.

AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #1 and AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #2 are pretty girls who are 17 years old, and they're excited to meet David as they approach him. And David stops to talk to them as Courtney also stops and watches them while everyone else in the tour group continues to walk ahead and exits the room. Both of the girls are holding a pen and a pad of paper that they want David to autograph, and they both speak English with a Russian accent.

AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #1
Excuse me, but are you David
Zeiler?

David smiles proudly since he loves that these cute girls are so excited to talk to him.

DAVID
Yes, I am.

Both of the girls giggle happily.

AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #2
We're so excited to meet you. We
saw you on TV where they talked
about how you and your family found
those treasures in Alaska and
Greece. That was so amazing!

DAVID
Well, I certainly do some amazing
things.

David smiles, and the two girls laugh while Courtney rolls her eyes.

AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #1
Can we have your autograph?

DAVID
Sure.

Autograph Seeker #1 extends her pad of paper and pen to David, who takes them and signs his name, and then he gives the pad and pen back to her.

AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #1
Thank you!

David and Autograph Seeker #1 smile at each other.

DAVID
You're welcome.

Then, Autograph Seeker #2 extends her pad of paper and pen to David, who takes them and signs his name, and then he gives the pad and pen back to her.

AUTOGRAPH SEEKER #2

Thank you!

David and Autograph Seeker #2 smile at each other.

DAVID

And you're welcome too.

Both of the girls excitedly run off after the rest of the tour group, so only Courtney and David are left in this room.

David smiles proudly at Courtney, who's looking at him with a slight smile since she knows he's showing off.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Yep, I'm a star.

Courtney smiles, and then Courtney and David start to walk after their tour group.

COURTNEY

You're a star?

DAVID

Yeah, don't get too close to me, or you'll burn up.

Courtney laughs as David smiles.

INT. GRAND CHURCH - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena are standing with their tourist group as they face the altar while they listen to their Tour Guide who's standing in front of them. This very beautiful room has white walls and gold decorations that are similar to the Jordan Staircase, but of course, it has the very distinct look and feel that only churches possess.

TOUR GUIDE

And, in this Grand Church of the Winter Palace, there were many famous weddings, including William of Orange who came here to marry his Russian bride. And the last Russian tsar, Nicholas the Second, was also married here. Of course, many stories have been told about

his daughter Anastasia. Anyway,
please have a look around.

The Tour Guide moves aside as the tour group disperses and starts to look at various parts of this fantastic church.

The Zeilers and Athena split up into various groups, except Tristan wonders off by himself and stops next to a side wall in order to admire some of the gold decorations on it.

Viktor walks up to Tristan, and he stops at Tristan's side as they face the decorative wall. And Viktor speaks to Tristan in English with a Russian accent.

VIKTOR

Excuse me, sir, but you must be
Tristan Zeiler?

TRISTAN

Yes, that would be me.

VIKTOR

I recognized you from TV.

TRISTAN

I'm surprised you couldn't find
something better to watch.

Tristan and Viktor smile at each other.

VIKTOR

Actually, I'm glad I found you, and
it's no accident that I'm here
because I need your help.

Obviously, Tristan becomes a lot more interested in the conversation.

VIKTOR (CONT'D)

My name is Viktor, and there is a
worldwide crisis that demands a
great and honest adventurer, and
you are one of the few of those.
I'm sorry I can't stay long, but
it's best that were not seen
talking.

Viktor removes a Faberge egg (which is a little bigger than a hand) and a gold key out of his coat pocket, and he shows them to Tristan. The beautiful egg is brilliantly white, and there's a gold band that goes around the center of the egg, with some exquisite rubies of various colors in the band, and there's also a keyhole in this band.

VIKTOR (CONT'D)
Use this key to open this egg,
which contains a letter I wrote
that explains everything.

Tristan takes the egg and key from Viktor, and he looks at the egg for a moment, and then he looks at Viktor.

TRISTAN
Russians must do things a little
different because people don't
usually put letters in eggs. What
if the Easter bunny comes for it?

Viktor laughs, and Tristan smiles.

VIKTOR
From what I can tell, you'll have
more to worry about from your wife.

Tristan and Viktor smile at each other.

TRISTAN
Touché.

Viktor laughs as he walks away.

Tristan turns away from the wall as he puts the key in his coat pocket, and then he looks out onto the rest of the room as Emily walks up to him.

EMILY
So, honey, isn't this church
fantastic?

TRISTAN
Yeah, it's probably good it's in a
palace. I mean, all of this gold
would look out of place in Wasilla.

Emily smiles at Tristan, who smiles back at her, and then she sees that Tristan is holding a Faberge egg.

EMILY
Why do you have an egg?

TRISTAN
A chicken walked by and dropped it
off.

EMILY
No, seriously.

TRISTAN

OK, some Russian guy gave it to me since it holds the secret to solve a worldwide crisis that demands a great adventurer.

Emily just stares at Tristan for a moment.

EMILY

You can't ever be serious, can you?

Emily looks away in frustration.

TRISTAN

Hey, that's the truth.

Tristan just smiles since he did actually tell the truth.

Courtney and David walk up to Tristan and Emily, and they stop in front of them.

COURTNEY

Why do you have an egg?

Tristan looks at Emily, who gives him a serious look, and then he looks back at Courtney.

TRISTAN

I don't know.

DAVID

Can I have it?

TRISTAN

Sure.

Tristan gives the egg to David, and then Courtney and David walk off together as Tristan calls out to David, who just keeps walking away.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Just be careful since it might be important ...

Tristan notices that Emily is looking at him seriously.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

or not.

Tristan smiles at Emily, who smiles back at him as she shakes her head since, of course, she can't resist his charm.

EXT. LOG CABIN - NIGHT (ESTABLISHING)

It's snowing as white lights are shining around the edges of the roof and windows of the snow-covered cabin, which looks very beautiful this evening.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Tristan, Emily, and Alexis are sitting on one sofa. Zack, Courtney, and Athena are sitting on another sofa that's perpendicular to Tristan's sofa. David and Ava are sitting on a loveseat that's perpendicular to Zack's sofa, so the loveseat is facing Tristan's sofa.

Also, there's a beautiful Christmas tree, with white lights shining nicely on it, that's located in the corner in between Zack's sofa and David's loveseat.

EMILY

OK, David, read us the bad news.

Everyone looks anxiously at David as he puts the gold key into the keyhole in the white egg, and when he turns the key, the top half of the egg cracks open. David pulls open the top of the egg all the way, and then he removes a letter, which is folded into thirds.

David sits the egg down next to him on the loveseat, and then he unfolds the letter and reads it aloud while everyone else listens intently.

DAVID

It says,

(reading from the letter)

"Dear, Zeiler family, I'm a great admirer of all of you, so I humbly ask for your help. There are four eggs that were designed by Faberge for a great purpose, unbeknownst to the world. This first egg that's in your possession was located in St. Basil's Cathedral, and in addition to my letter that you're now reading, it also contains the original map and key that have been inside it since the eighteen hundreds. The map gives the location of the second Faberge egg, and the key will open it. So, each egg gives the location and key for the next egg until you find the fourth egg, which gives the

location of the greatest treasure in the history of the world. It was collected from around the world, and it has been entrusted with Christian leaders who long ago decided to hide the location of the treasure in these Faberge eggs. And, to further protect it, they created a small society of Christians called, 'The Defenders.' I am a member of this society. However, I discovered that four of our members decided to steal this treasure, so in order to stop them, I took this first egg. They caught onto me, so I'm being watched too closely, and I don't know whom to trust anymore, so I'm giving this to you since you have shown that you can be trusted. So, I hope you'll discover the treasure and turn it over to the Russian church to have them share it with the world. Please note we have kicked these thieves out of The Defenders, and they're non-violent Christians, so you are not in any danger. You have my greatest thanks, and may God bless you. Sincerely, Viktor."

David removes the map from the Faberge egg, and then he unfolds it and begins to look at it. And everyone, except Emily, is excited to go look for the treasure.

COURTNEY

That sounds so cool. It will be like an Easter egg hunt during Christmas.

TRISTAN

Yeah, it's festive. It's like the ultimate Christian celebration.

Tristan addresses Emily.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

So, Emily, even you can't say no to that.

EMILY

I already did. Remember when I said this is only a vacation?

TRISTAN

I didn't think you were serious.

Emily looks deadly serious at Tristan, so he changes his tune.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

I could have been wrong.

David holds the map up to show it to everyone, and it's a simple map written in English that clearly shows a church just east of St. Petersburg that contains the next egg.

DAVID

It should be easy to get the next egg since this map shows it's in a church that's only a little east of here.

David lowers the map back down.

ZACK

And there are only four eggs, so if we get the next one, we're already halfway there.

ATHENA

I'm just so curious to see if this treasure is real or not.

ALEXIS

Yeah, and if it is, can you imagine what it contains? I mean, it's the world's greatest treasure ever!

Tristan tries to convince Emily to go after the treasure.

TRISTAN

Cool, easy, curious, greatest treasure ever. I'm not hearing anything bad.

EMILY

How about it takes away from one of the main reasons to go on vacations, which is to relax?

TRISTAN

Hey, we'll take it slow. Without this egg, those Defenders don't even know where to look. We have all the time in the world.

Courtney addresses Emily.

COURTNEY

And you did want to see some churches.

AVA

And, since Christians hid these eggs, I'm guessing they're all in churches.

EMILY

So, I'm the only one who doesn't want to go?

TRISTAN

You're always the only one who doesn't want to go. Compared to you, Alexis is Ponce de León.

In mild protest, Alexis throws her hands up with her mouth open aghast, and Zack, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena smile/laugh at her.

EMILY

Did you forget you're trying to convince me?

TRISTAN

No, it's actually a compliment since you're the one who holds us all together. I mean, without you, the rest of us would have flown off the tilt-a-whirl of life years ago. David would have flied off into some river and drowned.

In mild protest, David throws his hands up with his mouth open aghast, and Alexis, Zack, Courtney, Ava, and Athena smile/laugh at him.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Except, sometimes, I think it's good that we step off the beaten path, and I think this is one of those times.

Emily looks around and sees that everyone else is looking at her, and it's obvious that everyone else wants to go look for the treasure.

EMILY

Well, it does sound exciting, and I don't want to be the one stopping everyone from another great adventure, so yeah, I'm in.

Everyone else gets excited as they all clap/cheer for Emily, who smiles.

AVA
Alright, Mom!

ZACK
There's the Zeiler spirit!

COURTNEY
Mom is the best!

Tristan addresses Emily.

TRISTAN
See, all you have to do to get your kids to like you is promise them a lot of gold. This parenting thing is easy.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

EXT. BLUE-DOMED CHURCH - DAY (ESTABLISHING)

It's snowing on the beautiful white church that's isolated in the snow-covered countryside. It's a fairly big church, and it has several blue onion domes on top of it, with blue crosses on top of the domes.

INT. NAVE - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena enter through the front doors, which open up into the nave. They're wearing coats, but they're not wearing hats or gloves. As they continue to walk forward, they notice a choir standing on the stage at the front of the nave that starts to sing, "AWAY IN A MANGER," as a small section of musicians, who are sitting on the stage, play their instruments to accompany the choir. (Note the beautiful version of this song that we actually hear is sung by Libera from the album entitled, "Christmas Music with Libera").

The choir, which consists of about ten girls and ten boys who are all teenagers, is practicing for their upcoming Christmas services, and they're dressed in white robes as they sing in English.

There are quite a few tourists and locals here, with some of them sitting in the pews as they listen to the choir while others are walking around as they admire the incredible architecture and artifacts.

Indeed, running along both walls on the outside of the pews, there are a lot of little side chapels where each entrance is under an arch, and each side chapel contains many historical Christian artifacts (e.g., golden crosses, tables made of gold, religious paintings, and jewelry) that people are admiring as they stop in front of them or walk slowly past them.

All of the side chapels are roped off at the entrance, so people can only see the artifacts via looking in from their entrances.

It's a very peaceful setting since everyone is quiet because they're respecting the church setting and the choir singing.

And this peacefulness makes the song sound even more beautiful.

The Zeilers and Athena start to spread out as they look for the second Faberge egg.

Indeed, they separate into four groups: Tristan and Emily, Alexis and Ava, Zack and Athena, and Courtney and David.

The groups of Tristan/Emily and Alexis/Ava walk along one side of the church while the groups of Zack/Athena and Courtney/David walk along the other side.

And all of the four groups are walking slowly along as they go down the aisles between the pews and the side chapels with the artifacts.

Thus, they're slowly walking towards the choir in front of the church.

And, of course, they're looking at all of the artifacts as they try to locate the Faberge egg.

The Zeilers and Athena continue looking at the wonderful artifacts that they certainly appreciate, but they haven't found the egg yet.

Walking a little ways behind the group of Zack and Athena, Courtney is following just behind David when David suddenly stops, so Courtney runs into him.

Courtney gestures to David that she's mad that he caused her to run into him.

And David points to the Faberge egg inside the roped-off side chapel in front of them.

So, Courtney looks at it, and she becomes excited.

Zack and Athena had just walked past this side chapel, but they didn't see the Faberge egg since, although it's sitting up in a holder that's on top of a golden desk, there are a lot of other artifacts sitting next to it.

The Faberge egg is stunningly beautiful, with a very nice pink color. And it has some gorgeous rubies of various pretty colors in a gold band that goes around the center of the egg. So, the egg is very similar to the first egg, with only the color of the egg and the color of the rubies being different.

Courtney gestures to David to ask him how do they get the egg.

David looks around and sees there's currently no one else right next to them.

Then, David quickly pushes Courtney's head down as he pushes her under the rope.

So, against her will, Courtney rushes a few feet forward until she can stop, and then she looks back at David in anger.

David just gestures for her to get the egg, so Courtney realizes that she should be getting the egg.

So, Courtney quickly grabs the pink egg out of its holder, and she rushes back and ducks under the rope, and then she stands up next to David.

Courtney is excited that she got the egg, so she's smiling as she puts it under her coat to hide it.

However, Courtney realizes that she forgot to be mad at David for making her go get it, so her smile disappears, and she gives David a little smack on the top of his head.

David smiles at Courtney, and she can't help but smile back at him.

Courtney and David walk quickly towards the front of the church as they go towards Zack and Athena, who are standing while looking at artifacts in a side chapel since they're still looking for the egg, and Courtney holds up the egg to show it to them.

Of course, Zack and Athena are thrilled to see the egg as Courtney and David stop next to them.

And the last notes of "Away in a Manger" ring out in the church.

EXT. RIVER - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena are sitting in a tour boat that's driven by a BOAT GUIDE, who's a 45-year-old man. It's a nice boat that consists of two seats up front where the Boat Guide and Tristan are sitting, and there's a middle bench where Emily, Alexis, and Courtney are sitting, and there's a back bench where Zack, David, Athena, and Ava are sitting. Everyone is wearing coats, and some are wearing hats, including Courtney who's wearing her black Russian fur hat.

The Boat Guide is driving at a leisurely pace as he shows the sights to everyone. They're going down a fairly wide river in the snowy countryside that has only a few homes scattered on each side, so they're a fair distance from the city of St. Petersburg, and no other boats are around.

It's a very scenic and pleasant cruise as the Zeilers and Athena just enjoy their vacation as the Boat Guide, who speaks English with a Russian accent, gives them a nice tour. Of course, the ground is snow-covered, but the water isn't frozen as the boat goes along smoothly.

Courtney has the pink Faberge egg sitting open on her lap, and she's holding its map, which she and Alexis are reading.

COURTNEY

Dad, the next Faberge egg is given to the winner of an ice-sculpture contest that's held at a church before Christmas every year.

Tristan turns to the side of his chair and looks back at everyone else.

TRISTAN

Hey, I thought all of them were just going to be sitting in churches. Oh, well, now all we have to do is learn how to make an ice sculpture.

ALEXIS

Yeah, and you only have about a day to learn.

TRISTAN

In psychology, that's called "negative thinking."

ALEXIS

Wow, I'm impressed. That's actually a psychology phrase.

TRISTAN

Yeah, you've been living with us too long. I'm thinking of kicking you out.

Alexis laughs while everyone else smiles, and then Tristan turns back around and faces forward.

Emily leans forward between Tristan and the Boat Guide in order to talk to them.

EMILY

How many years have you been giving this tour?

BOAT GUIDE

Almost twenty years.

TRISTAN

Not a bad way to make a living.

BOAT GUIDE

No, not bad at all.

The Boat Guide smiles at Tristan, who smiles back at him.

EMILY

Yeah, this is very nice. It's so beautiful out here.

BOAT GUIDE

Thank you. Most guides stay in St. Petersburg, but I try to give my customers some nice views of the countryside.

The Boat Guide smiles at Tristan and Emily, and they smile back at him.

They drive past a boat that's just floating still on the side of the river. It's the only other boat in sight, and there are four fit-looking men standing in it: NIKOLAI, 40 years old, ALEXANDER, 35 years old, DMITRI, 34 years old, and IVAN, 32 years old. These are the four thieves who were kicked out of The Defenders, and Viktor had warned Tristan about them in his letter.

Clearly, these thieves have been waiting for Tristan, so Nikolai, the leader of the thieves, starts driving his boat after Tristan.

Tristan looks back at the thieves' boat, and he sees it's quickly catching up to them.

TRISTAN

Are there usually other boats out
here in the winter?

The Boat Guide looks behind his boat, and he also sees the
thieves' boat getting closer.

BOAT GUIDE

No, I'm usually the only one.

The thieves' boat quickly pulls up near the side of the Boat
Guide's boat since the Boat Guide's boat isn't moving fast,
and noticeably, the thieves' boat is faster and quite a bit
longer than the Boat Guide's boat.

TRISTAN

Then, I should probably tell you
that, based on my history, this
probably isn't a good thing.

Nikolai holds his hand up to the Boat Guide's boat to ask
them to stop, so the Boat Guide stops his boat, and Nikolai
stops his boat.

So, with the two boats just sitting side by side, Nikolai
motions for Alexander to take over the steering wheel, so
Alexander stands behind the steering wheel, and Nikolai
walks to the side of the boat and stops.

Then, Nikolai smiles and waves as he yells over at the Boat
Guide's boat, and he talks to them nicely as he tries to get
what he wants. And, like the other three thieves, he speaks
English with a Russian accent.

NIKOLAI

Hello, there! Let me introduce
ourselves. My name is Nikolai.

Nikolai gestures towards Alexander.

NIKOLAI (CONT'D)

This is Alexander.

Alexander smiles and waves at everyone in the Boat Guide's
boat.

Nikolai gestures towards Dmitri.

NIKOLAI (CONT'D)

This is Dmitri.

Dmitri smiles and waves at everyone in the Boat Guide's
boat.

Nikolai gestures towards Ivan.

NIKOLAI (CONT'D)
And this is Ivan.

Ivan smiles and waves at everyone in the Boat Guide's boat.

NIKOLAI (CONT'D)
We are from a group called, "The Defenders," and the Faberge egg in your possession is our property, so please hand it over.

Tristan stands up next to the side of the boat.

TRISTAN
Sorry, but we heard you were someone different, like a bunch of thieves who got kicked out of The Defenders.

Nikolai smiles.

NIKOLAI
Well, then, there's no need to play nice. So, just give us the egg, or we'll

The Faberge egg lands in the thieves' boat since Courtney tossed it over before Nikolai could even finish his sentence.

Nikolai picks up the egg from the floor of the boat, and he opens it up, but he sees it's empty, so he yells back over at the Boat Guide's boat.

NIKOLAI (CONT'D)
It's empty!

DAVID
You said you only wanted the egg, you stupid idiot!

Emily looks angrily at David.

EMILY
David! Didn't your mom teach you to not make the bad guys mad?

DAVID
Wait, you're my mom. I'm confused.

Nikolai gets mad as he takes the steering wheel back from Alexander, and then he yells over at the Boat Guide's boat.

NIKOLAI
So, you want to do this the hard
way!

Emily yells back at Nikolai.

EMILY
No, we prefer the easy way! We
like the easy way!

Emily turns towards Courtney.

EMILY (CONT'D)
Courtney, tell him what the map
said.

Nikolai waits to hear Courtney's reply, and indeed, Courtney yells over at the thieves.

COURTNEY
It said you can go kick rocks!

Nikolai gets even madder while all of the Zeilers and Athena laugh and cheer Courtney's comment, except Emily just sighs in exasperation.

Nikolai drives the side of his bigger boat into the side of the Boat Guide's boat fairly hard. And this crash causes the Boat Guide's boat to rock a little and move to the side, and it causes Tristan to fall back and sit down in his seat.

The Boat Guide starts to immediately drive away fairly quickly, and Nikolai starts driving after them.

And, of course, most of the people in the Boat Guide's boat look over at the thieves' boat in surprise, and the thieves are staring back at them.

EMILY
I thought Viktor said these guys
weren't violent.

TRISTAN
Yeah, I'm thinking Viktor was wrong
about that.

Tristan notices that the Boat Guide is, obviously, a little shaken up by this confrontation.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)
Do you mind if I drive?

BOAT GUIDE

No, it's all yours.

Tristan and the Boat Guide switch seats, and Tristan immediately starts driving the boat a lot faster.

Thus, the Boat Guide's boat speeds way ahead of the thieves' boat, so Nikolai also starts to drive his boat really fast as he chases Tristan.

The thieves' boat is faster than the Boat Guide's boat, so the thieves gain on them.

However, the smaller size of the Boat Guide's boat allows it to turn a lot quicker.

So, Tristan starts swerving back and forth across the wide river, and this keeps him in front as Nikolai tries to match each turn.

Tristan is even having fun as he speeds and swerves across the river.

Tristan varies his maneuvering as he sometimes makes wide turns and sometimes makes small quick turns that shoot up a lot of whitewater into the air.

AVA

Is anyone else getting seasick?

Nikolai is getting frustrated that he can't catch Tristan while Tristan is smiling and enjoying this chase.

Just for fun, Tristan drives in a circle a couple of times while Nikolai tries to follow.

However, the circles are too small for the thieves' bigger boat, so it just makes circles that are outside of the Boat Guide's boat.

Tristan stops making circles and starts to swerve along the river again, and of course, Nikolai continues to chase him.

Emily leans forward to address Tristan.

EMILY

What's your plan?

TRISTAN

I guess I'm hoping they run out of gas first since we have a full tank.

BOAT GUIDE

Actually, that fuel gauge is broken. I think we have less than a quarter of a tank.

TRISTAN

OK, time for a new plan.

Tristan addresses everyone in the boat.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Hang on!

Tristan stops the boat extremely fast, kicking up a lot of water as he turns it sideways to help it stop, so the thieves' boat flies past him.

Tristan quickly starts driving fast directly to his left as he heads towards the nearest shoreline at the side of the river while the momentum of the thieves' boat carries it forward for quite a ways.

While Nikolai starts to turn his boat around, Tristan makes another quick stop as he turns his boat parallel to the shore, and he's about thirty feet from the shoreline because he doesn't get too close since he doesn't want to risk his boat hitting the bottom of the river.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

OK, everyone out!

AVA

Me first!

Ava hops over the side of the boat facing the shoreline, and she lands with a splash in the water below, and she's quickly followed by everyone else, except Tristan, jumping over the same side of the boat and landing in the water too.

Everyone starts swimming freestyle to the shore while Tristan is the only one remaining in the boat.

The thieves' boat has finally started to drive back towards Tristan, but it's still a ways in the distance, and Tristan starts driving forward towards them.

TRISTAN

(to himself)

Let's see if these guys are chicken.

Tristan drives his boat fast across the open water as he heads directly at the thieves' boat.

Nikolai is a little worried, but he continues to drive directly towards Tristan too.

So, the two boats are speeding towards each other.

Tristan's family, Athena, and the Boat Guide reach the shore, where they stand up on the snowy bank and watch the two boats driving towards each other. And, obviously, they're all cold and wet.

As the boats get fairly close, Tristan jumps over the side of his boat and lands in the water.

Of course, the thieves see that Tristan has abandoned his boat, which is still going straight at them, and it's too late for them to turn, so all four of the thieves jump over one side of their boat too.

So, Tristan and the four thieves are floating in the water while Tristan's family, Athena, and the Boat Guide are standing on the shore. And everyone watches the boats speed into each other, with the collision creating a huge fiery explosion that shoots up into the air between Tristan and the thieves.

The thieves are mad that they failed in getting the map while Tristan's side is horrified at the sight of this big explosion, except Tristan is smiling since he thinks the explosion was fun.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

(to himself)

Cool. I always wanted to try that.

Tristan turns away from where the boats exploded, and he starts swimming freestyle towards the shore where everyone else is standing as they watch him.

The four thieves swim to a big piece of one of the boats that's floating nearby, and then they grab onto it and rest since they're a little tired from this ordeal, and of course, they're too far away from Tristan to give chase.

Tristan reaches the shoreline next to his family, Athena, and the Boat Guide, so he stands up and walks onto the snow in front of them. Thus, they're looking at Tristan while the river is behind him, and everyone, except Tristan, is a little shaken up, as well as cold and wet.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Now, kids, don't try that at home.
Only do this on vacation.

Tristan smiles, but no one else smiles or laughs as they just look at Tristan as if he's crazy, and Emily even becomes angry.

EMILY

Tristan, this isn't funny! We're going to the police.

TRISTAN

What? Why?

Suddenly, a gas tank from one of the boats explodes on the water, creating a big fireball that shoots into the air, and everyone else is shocked by it while Tristan doesn't even flinch, and indeed, he doesn't even turn around to see it.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

OK, I'll drive.

INT. POLICE STATION OFFICE - DAY

A POLICEMAN, 35 years old, who speaks English with a Russian accent, is sitting behind his desk while the Zeilers and Athena are sitting in two rows of chairs in front of him. Tristan, Emily, Alexis, and Courtney are sitting in the front row of chairs while Zack, David, Ava, and Athena are sitting in the row of chairs behind them. Of course, The Zeilers and Athena look disheveled since they haven't changed clothes after their swim in the river.

POLICEMAN

OK, now, which one of you wants to tell me what's going on?

The Policeman listens to the answer with a raised eyebrow since, of course, the story is too wild to believe.

TRISTAN

Well, I guess that would be me. So, to make it simple, we're going after the biggest treasure in the history of the world, and the clues to its location are inside Faberge eggs.

COURTNEY

And, to get the next egg, we have to win an ice-sculpture contest.

TRISTAN

Yeah, I'm thinking of carving the Virgin Mary or a bobcat. Anyway,

there are some bad guys after us, but I just rammed our boat into their boat and created a huge fireball that was actually impressive, but unfortunately, my wife saw it, so I can't have fun anymore, which is why we're here. Also, these bad guys are part of a secret church organization that's sworn to protect this treasure, but between you and me, I don't think they paid attention to that part of church where they say to do no evil. So, we need you to catch the bad guys in order for us to get the treasure for the church to share with the world.

POLICEMAN

The world's greatest treasure?

TRISTAN

Yeah, like enough money to buy a thousand Alaskas from Russia.

POLICEMAN

Excuse me for a moment.

The Policeman stands up and walks to his office door, which he opens, and then he walks out of his office and closes the door behind him.

The Policeman stops another policeman who was walking by, and in Russian, he tells this other policeman about Tristan's story, so both of them start laughing.

The office has large windows, so the Zeilers and Athena are able to watch and hear the Policeman and the other policeman laugh hysterically as the Policeman makes fun of Tristan's story. The Zeilers and Athena don't speak Russian, but obviously, they know the policemen aren't taking them seriously at all.

TRISTAN

This isn't going well, is it?

EMILY

No.

AVA

Maybe, something got lost in translation.

The two policeman laugh even harder.

DAVID

No, I'm pretty sure he understood us.

EXT. LOG CABIN - NIGHT (ESTABLISHING)

It's snowing as the white Christmas lights on the cabin are glowing nicely. So, it's almost an eerie/magical feeling with both the snow and the lights being white.

INT. SWIMMING POOL - NIGHT

The Zeilers and Athena are in a swimming pool that's located in the basement of their log cabin, so of course, everyone is wearing swimsuits, and everyone has wet hair since they've, obviously, been underwater. The walls around the pool deck are made of wood, and the beautiful rectangle pool is about fifteen meters long and has a constant depth of four feet throughout it. Also, the room is a little dark, so the underwater lights are shining, which causes the pool to look even more beautiful.

Zack and Athena are standing near one corner of the pool, with their backs resting against the side of the pool, and they're crouching down, so the water level reaches up to their shoulders.

Tristan and Emily are on the same side of the pool as Zack and Athena, but they're near the other corner. And they're also resting with their backs against the side of the pool while crouching down, so the water level reaches up to their shoulders too.

Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava are walking around as they chase each other while they throw sponge balls at each other. They have several of these balls, which are about the size of baseballs, and they fly pretty fast since, obviously, they're waterlogged. So, all of them get pelted pretty good from time to time, and they're laughing, with the occasional scream from getting hit by a ball, as they have fun with each other.

Currently, Alexis and Courtney are throwing balls at each other as they chase each other around the pool while Ava throws a ball at David that misses and skips past him. So, Ava doesn't have any balls left to throw, and since she's defenseless, David starts to walk after her, and she walks backwards in retreat while putting her hands up in order to protect herself. And David is smiling at Ava as he holds his ball up, ready to throw it at her.

AVA
Don't hit me. Remember, it's
Courtney that you hate. Hit her.

David stops a few feet in front of Ava, so she stops too.

DAVID
Oh, yeah, you're right.

David turns his back to Ava and throws his ball at Courtney, hitting her arm, so Courtney looks at David in shock.

COURTNEY
Ow!

David smiles at Courtney.

Ava puts her hands down since she no longer has to protect herself, and she's happy that she got David to not throw the ball at her.

AVA
(to herself)
That was too easy.

Ava runs a few steps forward and jumps on David's back, and she tackles him as they both go underwater.

Courtney laughs, and she picks up the ball that David threw at her.

When they surface, David and Ava are laughing as they stand next to each other.

Almost immediately afterwards, Alexis and Courtney both throw a ball at David, and both balls hit him.

DAVID
Hey, three against one. This isn't
fair.

Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava smile/laugh.

David picks up both balls that hit him, and he starts chasing after his three sisters as they playfully flee from him, so they're all having a lot of fun.

Zack and Athena are simply enjoying watching the sponge-ball war.

ZACK
I used to have fun like that ...
but you ruined it.

Athena smiles.

ATHENA
You know you love me.

ZACK
Well, you got me there.

Zack and Athena smile at each other.

ATHENA
Ah, I got you to say you love me.
You're as easy to fool as David.

ZACK
Hey, that's true. Darn, I always
thought I was smarter than him.

Zack thinks while Athena smiles at him.

ZACK (CONT'D)
Maybe, it's just that girls are
evil.

Athena laughs, and Zack smiles at her.

ATHENA
Then, why do you keep me around?

Zack smiles at Athena.

ZACK
No, you're not going to trick me
into saying something nice about
you again.

Athena laughs, and Zack smiles.

ATHENA
Isn't it sad that I have to trick
you to say nice things about me?

ZACK
Except I do that all the time, so
this means you're just playing
tricks on me just for the sake of
playing tricks. So, you are evil.

Athena laughs, and Zack smiles at her.

ATHENA
How about if you don't say, "Athena
is nice," I'll swim away?

ZACK

Oh, so you moved from tricks to threats?

Athena smiles at Zack.

ATHENA

Yes.

ZACK

Well, in that case, Athena is very, very nice.

Zack and Athena laugh.

ATHENA

Well, that deserves a kiss.

Athena moves her lips towards Zack's lips, and they kiss each other.

When their lips part, Zack and Athena smile at each other.

The sponge-ball war has ended, so David starts swimming freestyle to the side of the pool while Alexis, Courtney, and Ava just relax and talk to each other in the middle of the pool.

David reaches the side of the pool, between where Tristan and Emily are standing in one corner and Zack and Athena are standing in the other corner, and then he then he climbs out of the pool.

David starts walking across the pool deck as he heads towards the sauna room, which is the only sauna room here, and it's behind where Tristan and Emily are standing. And he addresses his parents.

DAVID

I'll be in the sauna.

EMILY

OK, honey.

David stops in front of the sauna's door, and then he turns on the sauna via turning the dial on the wall next to it.

Then, David opens the door, enters the sauna, and closes the door behind him.

EMILY (CONT'D)

So, what do we do now that those ex-Defender people found us, and the police won't help us?

TRISTAN

Well, I don't know how they found us, but it's a good thing I rented this place under a different name. And I thought it was only to keep all of my fans away.

Emily smiles.

EMILY

Yeah, your ego finally paid off.

TRISTAN

It's about time. It had been costing me a fortune.

Emily laughs, and Tristan smiles at her.

EMILY

Hey, I'm serious. What are we going to do?

TRISTAN

Emily, do you really want me to tell you how we only have two more eggs to get, and even if we did give up our search, those thieves aren't going to believe us, so they'll still chase us? Or can we just skip this since everyone knows I always convince you anyway?

Emily smiles at Tristan.

EMILY

I think your ego's costing you again.

TRISTAN

Yeah, I was on a winning streak, so I figured I'd push it.

Tristan and Emily laugh.

EMILY

But you don't have to convince me. I'm with you, except I have no idea how we're going to win an ice-sculpture contest.

TRISTAN

No worries. All I have to do is carve the best ice sculpture.

EMILY

Did that sentence even sound plausible to you?

TRISTAN

No. I'm just hoping this is one of those things that become more plausible as we go.

EMILY

So, it's like all of your other plans?

TRISTAN

Pretty much, but this time, I have a secret weapon.

Tristan looks over at Courtney, who's standing in the middle of the pool while talking to Alexis and Ava.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Hey, Courtney, come here please!

Courtney swims breaststroke towards Tristan.

Courtney quickly reaches Tristan, so she stops and stands up in front of him.

COURTNEY

What's up?

TRISTAN

I need you to draw a picture of the ice sculpture that I'm going to make.

Courtney gets excited.

COURTNEY

Oh, that sounds fun! What do you want to make?

TRISTAN

I don't know. It can't be too complicated, but it still has to be impressive.

COURTNEY

Well, a lot of ice sculptures are of animals, and since this is the Christmas season, how about a reindeer?

TRISTAN
Yeah, that sounds perfect.

Tristan addresses Emily.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)
What do you think?

EMILY
I think that's a fantastic idea.

Tristan, Emily, and Courtney smile.

Suddenly, David slams open the door to the sauna, and the loud bang of the slamming door causes everyone in the pool to look up. And they look on in shock as they see David staggering out since he's completely exhausted, and he's dripping in sweat since he, obviously, overheated in the sauna.

David quietly and desperately staggers towards the pool in order to cool off in the water.

Then, David falls face first as he, basically, does a belly-smacker into the pool next to Tristan, Emily, and Courtney.

And David just sinks to the bottom without any effort to try to stay afloat since the sauna wore him out, and of course, he wants to spend some time underwater to cool off.

EMILY (CONT'D)
Is he OK?

COURTNEY
He never has been. But I'll save him anyway.

Courtney dives underwater and swims down towards David, who's lying with his stomach on the bottom of the pool while his head is turned sideways towards Courtney, and his eyes are staring straight ahead along the bottom of the pool.

Courtney is swimming along the bottom of the pool as she approaches David, and she puckers up as if she's going to kiss David on his lips.

David is in a bit of a stupor, but he finally becomes aware that Courtney is going to kiss him as she gets really close, so this shocks him out of his stupor with a fright.

So, David swims to the surface as fast as he can, and then he surfaces and lets out a big scream.

DAVID

Ah!

Everyone else in the pool is looking at David in confusion.

Courtney surfaces and laughs at David's reaction, and then she addresses her parents.

COURTNEY

I told you I'd save him.

Everyone, including David, smiles/laughs.

EXT. CHURCH FOR ICE-SCULPTURE CONTEST - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena are a little past halfway down a long row of thirty ice blocks as they walk along, with Tristan carrying a bag full of ice-carving equipment (e.g., a chainsaw, a hammer, an ice pick, and several ice scrapers). They're wearing coats, and most of them are wearing hats and gloves. One ice carver/sculptor is standing in front of each ice block, with their friends/families standing next to them, as they get their equipment (e.g., ice scrapers) ready to carve when they're given the word to start.

Each ice block is six feet tall, eight feet wide, and four feet thick, and they're lined up in a snow-covered backyard of a beautiful stone church. The ice carvers are facing the nice gray stone church, with the ice blocks between them and the church, and the backyard is fairly big, so the surrounding snow-covered forest isn't too close.

The Zeilers and Athena are carefully observing the other ice carvers as they walk past them, and they notice that all of the carvers look very professional.

AVA

Dad, these people look like they know what they're doing.

TRISTAN

Hey, we know what we're doing too.

AVA

No, we don't.

COURTNEY

We never know what we're doing.

TRISTAN

You know, if this is supposed to be a pep talk, I don't think it's going very well.

EMILY

Well, I believe in you, baby. I mean, if there's one thing someone can do with no prior experience, it's surely ice carving. How hard can it be to create a beautiful work of art out of a block of ice?

Everyone, including Tristan, smiles/laughs.

TRISTAN

Sarcasm?

EMILY

Yeah, sorry. I started it out trying to be encouraging, but I couldn't do it.

TRISTAN

Well, then, I guess I'll have to show all of you.

The Zeilers and Athena arrive at the 30th ice block (which is the last ice block in the long line of blocks), so they stop and look at the large block, and Tristan puts his bag of ice-carving equipment down on the snowy ground.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Soon, my friend, you'll be transformed from just a block of ice into a magnificent reindeer.

AVA

But if we're taking bets

Alexis looks sternly at Ava to stop her from making her sarcastic comment about doubting Tristan.

ALEXIS

Ava!

Ava listens to Alexis, so she doesn't finish her sarcastic sentence.

The CHAIRWOMAN, 45 years old, steps onto the stage that's in between the church and the row of ice blocks, and the stage is centered along the row of ice blocks, so it's in between the fifteenth and sixteenth blocks of ice.

Noticeably, the Chairwoman is carrying the Faberge egg that will be given to the winner. The Faberge egg has a very pretty purple color, with some beautiful rubies of various colors in a gold band that goes around the center of the

egg. So, the egg is very similar to the first two eggs, with only the color of the egg and the color of the rubies being different.

At the front of the stage, there's a microphone on a stand, and beside the microphone, there's a block of ice that's about four feet high. This block of ice functions as a table, and a small golden stand (which will be used for the Faberge egg) is the only thing on it.

The Chairwoman arrives at the microphone, and she talks into it as she addresses everyone.

CHAIRWOMAN
(in Russian, subtitled)
Welcome to our annual Ice-Sculpture
Contest, and thank you all for
being here!

The Chairwoman starts applauding all the ice carvers, so everyone else, including the ice carvers, start cheering and applauding too. The Zeilers and Athena don't understand Russian, so it takes them a second to catch on, but then they also start applauding.

The Chairwoman holds up the Faberge egg to show it to everyone.

CHAIRWOMAN (CONT'D)
(in Russian, subtitled)
As I'm sure all of you know, the
winner gets one hundred thousand
rubles and this fantastic Faberge
egg to take home for one year!

The Chairwoman puts the beautiful egg into the gold stand, where it sits nicely on the ice table, and then she speaks into the microphone again.

CHAIRWOMAN (CONT'D)
(in Russian, subtitled)
So, good luck to everyone, and you
may start the ice carving!

All of the ice carvers start up their chainsaws and begin using them on their blocks of ice in order to make their sculptures, except Tristan doesn't start right away since he doesn't understand Russian.

TRISTAN
OK, I guess we can start. Can I
see your picture again?

COURTNEY

Sure.

Out of her coat pocket, Courtney removes a piece of paper that's folded in quarters, and then she opens it up and gives it to Tristan.

Tristan looks at the paper, which displays a very nicely drawn picture of a reindeer that's even colored, so it's actually quite pretty.

TRISTAN

That's a really nice picture. If I
can make that, we'll win by a mile.

Tristan smiles at Courtney, who smiles back in pride as he hands the picture back to her. And she folds the picture up and puts it back into her coat pocket.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Now, for the easy part.

Tristan's family and Athena take a few steps behind Tristan, and at this safe distance, they watch Tristan carve his sculpture.

Tristan opens up his equipment bag and removes his chainsaw, and then he starts it and begins using it on the top right corner of the ice block.

The chainsaw immediately takes Tristan for a ride as it cuts zigzaggedly down the block until it cuts off a fairly large piece of the top right corner that falls to the ground, so he turns off the chainsaw.

Tristan looks down at the fallen piece of ice, and his family and Athena are looking at all of this in despair for a quiet moment.

Then, Tristan looks up to where the zigzagged cutting is in the top right corner of the ice block, and he addresses Courtney while looking at the ice, so he doesn't turn around to face her.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Hey, Courtney.

COURTNEY

Yeah, Dad.

TRISTAN

There aren't a bunch of jagged
lines on that reindeer, are there?

COURTNEY

No, Dad.

TRISTAN

I didn't think so. Well, then,
this is what they call poetic
license.

Tristan starts his chainsaw up again, and he starts carving again on the top right corner, and he controls it a little better, but the chainsaw still cuts a little zigzaggedly.

EXT. CHURCH FOR ICE-SCULPTURE CONTEST - DAY (LATER)

All of the ice carvers are continuing to carve, and indeed, all of the ice sculptures are starting to take shape. They're great artists who are making incredible art, and some are still using their chainsaws while others have moved onto more fine tuning as they use their ice scrapers.

Even Tristan's sculpture is starting to look a little like a reindeer, with some parts of the reindeer clearly defined, although most of it is still just a block of ice. So, Tristan is actually doing a good job with the chainsaw now as he continues cutting with it. However, his block of ice is about half of its original size, with chunks of ice just lying on the snowy ground around it, so obviously, he has made a few mistakes.

Like most of the families/friends of the other ice carvers, Tristan's family and Athena are now sitting in the snow, instead of standing, as they watch Tristan. And they're impressed that Tristan is doing so well.

ATHENA

He really got the hang of this.

ALEXIS

Yeah, it's amazing how he always
gets in these crazy situations, and
then he finds a way out of them.

Tristan finishes making a nice cut with his chainsaw, so he turns it off and lays it down in the snow.

EMILY

Good job, baby!

ALEXIS

It's looking great, Dad!

Tristan smiles as he turns back to look at his everyone.

TRISTAN

Thank you, but you haven't seen
anything yet. Now, for some fine
tuning.

Zack whispers to Athena while Tristan bends down and starts
to look for tools in his equipment bag.

ZACK

(whispering)

If he fine tunes too much more,
there's not going to be anything
left.

Athena smiles at Zack, but she also elbows him in his ribs
to let him know that he shouldn't make fun of Tristan's
efforts, and Zack smiles back at her.

Tristan removes an ice pick and a hammer out of his
equipment bag, and then he stands up straight again.

Tristan bends down, and he starts gently hammering his ice
pick just above the front knee of one of the reindeer's legs
that's fairly well-formed.

After just a few hammer strokes, the ice pick chisels too
far into the ice as it goes right through the leg, so the
leg falls to the ground.

So, Tristan drops his hammer and ice pick as he falls to his
knees in despair.

TRISTAN

Oh, no.

Tristan just looks helplessly down at the fallen leg on the
snow.

Tristan's family and Athena look on in despair too as
they're looking at the back of Tristan, who continues
kneeling while looking down at the fallen leg.

ALEXIS

Well, I guess that's why the other
sculptors aren't using ice picks
and hammers.

DAVID

I always thought Dad would go out
in some wild adventure on the top
of a mountain or something ... not
making an ice sculpture.

COURTNEY

That's funny. I always thought
he'd be boating one day and just
forget he had a home, so he'd just
keep going.

AVA

I figured he'd outlive everyone
and, then, choke on some snow or
something.

EXT. CHURCH FOR ICE-SCULPTURE CONTEST - DAY (LATER)

The ice sculptures are complete as the Chairwoman and two other judges are walking past them, and they stop briefly at each sculpture in order to grade it.

These three judges have just finished grading their 28th sculpture, which is a big beautiful sculpture of the nativity scene, showing Mary and Joseph sitting next to Jesus in a manger. So, the Chairwoman shakes hands with the ice carver as they smile at each other while the ice carver's family stands proudly behind him.

The judges walk to the 29th sculpture, which is right next to Tristan's sculpture. So, they start grading this sculpture of Santa Claus sitting in a chair while a little girl is sitting on his lap as she tells Santa what she wants for Christmas. And, like all of the rest of the sculptures that they've graded, this is a truly incredible and beautiful work of art that's immense in size. So, the SANTA ICE CARVER, 35 years old, is standing proudly while his family stands proudly behind him as the judges look over his sculpture.

The three judges write down their scores in their notepads, and then they smile at the Santa Ice Carver and his family, who smile back at them as the Chairwoman shakes the Santa Ice Carver's hand.

CHAIRWOMAN

(in Russian, subtitled)
Congratulations. It's very
beautiful.

SANTA ICE CARVER

(in Russian, subtitled)
Thank you.

The judges walk to the next sculpture, which is Tristan's sculpture, and it's the only sculpture that hasn't been graded yet.

Tristan is standing with his family and Athena standing behind him, and all of them are a little nervous about how their sculpture will be graded.

Before they reach the sculpture, the three judges notice a lot of big chunks of ice on the ground, so obviously, Tristan did a lot more cutting of the ice block than everyone else.

So, the three judges look briefly up at Tristan with a look of confusion, and Tristan smiles awkwardly back at them as Tristan, his family, and Athena tensely await the judges' grades.

The three judges stop in front of the sculpture, and they look down and see Tristan's sculpture is tiny since it's only about one foot tall while all of the other sculptures are about five feet tall.

However, it's actually a very cute sculpture of a bunny who's looking up at the judges while smiling. So, while Tristan's sculpture isn't nearly as impressive in size as the rest of the sculptures, it's still a very beautiful work of art.

Tristan addresses the judges.

TRISTAN

I figured a bunny made sense since the winner gets an Easter egg. And because none of my twenty versions of a reindeer worked out.

Tristan smiles at the judges, and they smile back at him since they actually like the sculpture, and this eases the tension, so Tristan's family and Athena also smile.

The three judges write down their scores in their notebooks.

The Chairwoman speaks to Tristan in English with a Russian accent.

CHAIRWOMAN

I like it. It's very cute ... and original. Thank you for doing this.

The Chairwoman shakes hands with Tristan as they smile at each other.

TRISTAN

It was our pleasure. Thank you for having us.

Tristan and the Chairwoman continue smiling at each other, and then they end their handshake, and the three judges start to walk back towards the stage.

The Zeilers and Athena are happy that their sculpture was well-received as they look at the judges walking away.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

It's going to win.

Emily smiles while shaking her head.

EMILY

It's not going to win.

Tristan turns around and faces everyone.

TRISTAN

Who wants to bet?

Emily, Alexis, Zack, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena immediately raise their hands while smiling at Tristan.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

OK, never mind.

Everyone, including Tristan, smiles.

The Chairwoman is standing on the stage as she speaks into the microphone in order to address everyone.

CHAIRWOMAN

(in Russian, subtitled)

This has been a wonderful competition, and all of the sculptures are so beautiful, but there can only be one winner. And that winner is the nativity scene!

Everyone claps, and at the nativity-scene sculpture (which is the 28th sculpture and is only two sculptures away from Tristan), the ice carver and his family laugh, scream, and hug each other in joy.

The Zeilers and Athena are clapping and smiling at the joy of the winners too.

Everyone stops clapping, and a lot of the ice carvers start to pack up their equipment as they prepare to go home while others talk to fellow ice carvers.

The Zeilers and Athena just stand still, contemplating their loss as they stare blankly at the stage where the Chairwoman picks up the Faberge egg and walks off the stage.

Meanwhile, Ava starts to walk over to the winner, although no one else notices.

ALEXIS

So, this is the end? It's all over?

TRISTAN

Yeah, I guess so.

ZACK

Well, this is kind of anticlimactic, isn't it?

COURTNEY

Yeah, choking on snow would have been more dramatic, huh, Ava?

Everyone looks around but doesn't see Ava.

Ava is standing next to the winning ice carver and his family, and she shouts over to her family and Athena.

AVA

Hey, losers!

All of the rest of the Zeilers and Athena look over and finally see that Ava is standing with the winner, and Ava shouts back at them.

AVA (CONT'D)

The winner said he'd let us take the map and key out of the egg for twenty dollars!

The rest of the Zeilers and Athena are stunned that they didn't think of this, so they're nearly frozen in shock.

TRISTAN

Huh.

The rest of the Zeilers and Athena are still trying to process why they didn't think of Ava's idea.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Does everyone else feel stupid?

EMILY

Yes.

ALEXIS

Yes.

COURTNEY

Yes.

ZACK

Yes.

ATHENA

Yes.

DAVID

Yes.

TRISTAN

Well, at least I'm not alone this time.

Tristan turns his attention back to Ava.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

OK, good job, Ava!

The rest of the Zeilers and Athena start to walk towards Ava in order to pay twenty dollars to the winner and get the map and key out of the egg after the winner collects it.

EXT. TENT - NIGHT (ESTABLISHING)

It's snowing as the Zeilers' very large blue tent is sitting in the woods, with the lamps inside the tent causing the tent to shine nicely against the darkness.

INT. TENT - NIGHT

The tent is big enough to stand up and walk around inside, and they're using one heater to warm it and one lantern (which hangs from a hook on the ceiling) to light it. Also, no one is wearing coats, hats, or gloves since the heater keeps the tent warm enough. There are four cots on each side of the tent. Indeed, Tristan, Emily, Zack, and Athena are on one side while Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava are on the other side.

Everyone is just sitting/lying on their cots while relaxing. Ava is reading a beautiful tall book that's filled with colorful pictures, and its front cover has a picture of the snow-covered St. Basil's Cathedral where we read the book's title: "THE INTERESTING HISTORY OF RUSSIA."

COURTNEY

How about Eric Heiden or Marit Bjorgen?

ALEXIS

Those are great ones, but how about
 "The Great One," Wayne Gretzky?

ZACK

Or Ole Einar Bjorndalen?

DAVID

Or Mikaela Shiffrin?

ATHENA

How about Michael Phelps or Usain
 Bolt? Phelps swam in the Olympics
 in Athens, and I think he might be
 the best athlete ever.

Alexis, Courtney, David, and even Ava (who looks up from her
 book for a moment) look at Athena like she's crazy.

ATHENA (CONT'D)

What?

COURTNEY

Sorry, but he doesn't even compete
 in the winter.

Athena addresses Zack.

ATHENA

Seriously?

Zack smiles at Athena.

ZACK

Yeah, sorry, but our ancestors are
 from Austria, and we're from
 Alaska.

Athena smiles back at Zack, and David addresses everyone.

DAVID

So, instead of traveling in style,
 we have to camp out since we think
 the thieves are checking hotels?

COURTNEY

Yes, because we could be recognized
 at a hotel. This is called going
 incognito.

DAVID

Is that another word for
 "slumming"?

Courtney smiles.

ATHENA

Well, I love camping with all of
you. You guys are so fun.

Athena smiles at Zack.

ATHENA (CONT'D)

Especially you.

Zack and Athena giggle, and their young love makes everyone
else nauseous, except Ava is too busy reading to notice.

ALEXIS

Well, I used to like camping.

Tristan, Emily, Courtney, and David smile.

Ava paraphrases her book to everyone.

AVA

Did you know Russia is the largest
country in the world? It has about
the same amount of land as Pluto.

David looks around at everyone else.

DAVID

Who asked?

Courtney slaps David across his arm with her pillow in order
to let him know to be nice, and then Ava paraphrases from
her book again.

AVA

And Russia is so complicated that
Winston Churchill said, "It is a
riddle wrapped in a mystery inside
an enigma."

Ava looks up from her book.

ALEXIS

So, it's like Dad.

Tristan and Alexis smile at each other while everyone else
smiles/laughs.

TRISTAN

Actually, I'm pretty simple. I'm
just awesome.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

Ava closes her book and puts it down on top of her clothes bag on the floor next to her cot, and then she sits back upright on her cot. And Zack addresses Tristan and Emily.

ZACK

So, we only have to get one more egg.

EMILY

Yep, and then we'll know the location of the treasure.

ALEXIS

This is way too easy.

DAVID

Yeah, I'm thinking it's not a good idea to have a church guard a treasure. I mean, Christians are used to giving away treasure to the poor, not guarding it. Of course, we go find treasure and, then, give all of our treasure to the church, so it's like a vicious cycle.

Courtney addresses David.

COURTNEY

Did that make sense to you?

DAVID

It made sense before I said it.

Courtney smiles at David, who smiles back at her.

Tristan stands up to address everyone.

TRISTAN

So, since we're trying to stay as low as possible, I guess we should destroy our cellphones so that no one can use them to track us.

Courtney is in disbelief as she grabs her cellphone that was sitting in front of her on the cot since she, obviously, doesn't want to give up her cellphone.

COURTNEY

Wait, what?

Tristan starts to walk around and collect cellphones from Emily, Alexis, Zack, David, Ava, and Athena while Emily removes a hammer from Tristan's bag of ice-carving equipment that's sitting on the floor.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)

I can't give up my cellphone. It's my life.

David smiles at Courtney.

DAVID

Now, who's not happy?

COURTNEY

No, you don't understand. It's how I keep in touch with everyone. Otherwise, it's just ... you, and that's no kind of life.

David gives a stunned look, and Ava laughs while everyone else smiles, except Courtney since she's not happy at all. Indeed, Courtney stands up and addresses everyone.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)

Come on, everyone, we can't let this happen. If we give up our cellphones, the bad guys win. Who's with me?

Tristan finishes collecting all the other cellphones, and then he walks up and stops in front of Courtney, and he shows her all the cellphones that he's holding.

TRISTAN

Considering I have all the other phones, I'm guessing no one.

COURTNEY

I'll clean your boat for a year.

TRISTAN

Thanks, but that's the only reason I agreed to have Ava.

In mild protest, Ava throws her hands up with her mouth open aghast while Emily, Alexis, Zack, David, and Athena smile/laugh.

Courtney is resigned to defeat, so she gives her cellphone to Tristan.

COURTNEY

This is so not fair.

TRISTAN

Sorry.

Tristan turns towards Emily, who holds the hammer out to give it to him.

EMILY

Hammer?

Tristan takes the hammer from Emily.

TRISTAN

Thank you.

Tristan walks outside while Courtney falls face down onto her cot. Then, a crashing sound from Tristan smashing the cellphones on the ground outside with his hammer causes Courtney to shudder and let out a little whimper at the finality of her loss.

EXT. STONE CHURCH BY A FROZEN LAKE - DAY (ESTABLISHING)

It's a Gothic church made of gray stone, with Christmas wreaths on the windows. Although it's old, it's in great shape, and it's very beautiful. Also, it's in the snow-covered countryside in the woods, and behind the church, there's a small hillside that leads down to a frozen lake.

INT. NAVE - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena are scattered throughout the pleasant nave, and they're carrying their coats/hats/gloves in their arms as they look for the fourth Faberge egg. It's a decently sized church, so each of the two columns of pews has a fairly large number of rows. And there are many nice Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees and wreaths that have lights shining nicely in this fairly dark church.

Tristan is walking towards the front of the church as he goes alongside the side of the pews while Ava is following him. Tristan reaches the end of the pews, so he turns to his left and starts walking across a pew in the front row until he reaches the end of the pew. Then, Tristan sits down in the corner of this front pew, so he's next to the center aisle between the two columns of pews, and Ava sits down next to him. While everyone else continues to look for the egg, Tristan and Ava simply sit comfortably together as they take a break from their search. Just in front of them, the front stage (where a nice altar is standing) is nicely decorated with several Christmas trees, etc.

AVA

So, you gave up?

TRISTAN

Maybe, I'm thinking about where to look next.

AVA

No, you're usually not thinking.

TRISTAN

Yeah, that was a bad lie ... and in church too.

Ava smiles.

On the church's front stage, Alexis presses play on a large sound system. So, the song, "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH," from the album entitled, "Christmas Classics 2 with Harp and Oboe," plays on the loudspeakers, and it's a fantastic instrumental rendition that plays in its entirety. And Alexis walks off the stage to keep looking for the egg.

Ava quietly admires the altar in front of her, and then she looks around and admires some of the nice stone architecture while the beautiful music sounds throughout the church.

AVA

I love being in church. It's so peaceful.

TRISTAN

Yes.

AVA

You know, I read about historians arguing over which culture has been the greatest in the history of the world. And they said it's between the Greeks, Romans, British, and Americans. But I guess that's because they were only thinking in terms of countries because nothing even comes close to Christianity. It's been the leading culture for well over a thousand years. It's the world's largest group with over two billion Christians living today, and it's the dominating religion on five continents, so no other culture has been as large or widespread.

TRISTAN

And we have the greatest music and movies.

AVA

Like carols, hymns, classical music, and Christmas movies.

TRISTAN

And art.

AVA

The Renaissance and my favorite painting, "The Young Martyr."

TRISTAN

And locations.

AVA

The Notre Dame Cathedral, Neuschwanstein, and Versailles.

TRISTAN

And scientific contributions.

AVA

The printing press, the computer, and actually almost all of science.

TRISTAN

And writings.

AVA

"The Lord of the Rings," "Harry Potter," "The Chronicles of Narnia," and "Don Quixote."

TRISTAN

And explorations.

AVA

The Americas and the moon.

TRISTAN

And holidays.

AVA

Christmas, Easter, and half of Thanksgiving.

TRISTAN

And nearly all of the greatest names ever are Christians.

AVA

Newton, Faraday, Maxwell, Pasteur, and Galileo; da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Gaudi, and

van Goh; Shakespeare, Dickens,
 Chaucer, Tolstoy, and Agatha
 Christie; Mozart, Beethoven, Bach,
 Elvis, and Carrie Underwood;
 Columbus, Erikson, Cook, Magellan,
 and Marco Polo; George Washington,
 Charlemagne, Joan of Arc,
 Constantine the Great, and Queen
 Isabella; Disney, Grace Kelly,
 Denzel Washington, Astaire, and
 Rogers; Messi, Bolt, Ledesky,
 Marciano, and the Babe.

Tristan and Ava laugh, clearly enjoying their conversation.

AVA (CONT'D)

So, since Christians have done more
 in world history than the rest of
 the world combined, why don't we
 get any credit?

TRISTAN

I don't know. It's probably
 because we're not supposed to brag
 ... especially in church.

Ava smiles at Tristan, and he smiles back at her.

AVA

Sorry, but I just think it's
 amazing what Christians have done.

TRISTAN

Yeah, and I don't know what Jesus
 was like in real life. He probably
 would have said something stupid,
 and then I wouldn't have liked him.

Ava shakes her head and rolls her eyes at Tristan's comment.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

But the religion that was built
 after him is the most amazing thing
 ever. Billions of people are part
 of Christianity. It centers around
 true believers like our family, but
 even non-true believers who attend
 church to expresses their
 spirituality through Christianity
 or people who don't even go to
 church and just celebrate Christmas
 are still Christians in a way. But
 don't tell David. He'll think he
 doesn't have to go to church.

Ava laughs, and then Tristan smiles, and the last notes of "Angels We Have Heard on High" sound throughout the church.

Emily walks up to Tristan and Ava and stops in front of them, and she addresses Tristan.

EMILY

Since you've just been resting,
we're leaving you to search for the
egg while we go outside and play
hockey.

Ava gets excited.

AVA

Ooh, can I play too?

Emily smiles at Ava.

EMILY

Of course.

Ava jumps up and starts to walk beside Emily as they go down the center aisle between the pews, heading towards the front door. So, everyone else starts to walk to the front door too, except Tristan just stands up and turns to address Emily as she's walking away from him.

TRISTAN

Hey, Ava was resting too.

Emily doesn't respond as she just keeps walking. However, Ava turns around while still walking, and she playfully sticks her tongue out at Tristan, and then she smiles at him, which causes Tristan to laugh and smile back at her.

EXT. STONE CHURCH BY A FROZEN LAKE - DAY

On the frozen lake behind the church, Emily, Courtney, and David are playing ice hockey against Alexis, Zack, Ava, and Athena. Everyone is wearing coats, and most of them are wearing hats and gloves. Athena can't skate too well, but everyone else is skating easily, and they're playing without goalies, so both nets are wide open. They're the only ones in sight on this fairly big lake, although they're pretty close to the edge of the lake since they're staying close to the church where Tristan is still looking for the egg.

David is skating up the side with the puck as he heads out of his defensive end, going towards the other team's net, and Emily and Courtney are skating near the middle as they head towards the net too while the other team plays defense against them.

Zack starts to chase David, so David skates around Athena as she makes a weak attempt to get the puck from David since she's mostly just trying to keep from falling, and Athena's body blocks Zack from reaching David.

DAVID

Oh, Zack's too soft to run over his girlfriend!

Everyone smiles/laughs.

David passes the puck to Emily, and Alexis and Ava are playing defense in front of her, so Emily passes the puck over to Courtney.

Ava starts to chase Courtney, but Courtney is skating fast towards the net as she nicely handles the puck with her stick.

Just before Ava reaches her, Courtney fires a really nice wrist shot that causes the puck to fly into the air and score as it hits right in the center of the net.

So, Emily, Courtney, and David raise their arms in celebration.

COURTNEY

Oh, and she scores with the wrist shot!

Everyone smiles/laughs as they skate towards the front of the net where Courtney just scored.

EMILY

Nice shot, Courtney!

Emily and Courtney smile at each other.

Everyone arrives and stops at the front of the net, and they simply relax as they take a break from their hockey game.

ZACK

So, are you getting a hang of hockey yet?

ATHENA

Yeah, except for the skating.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

ALEXIS

Well, Dad's been in there for a while. Maybe, he finally decided to leave us.

Suddenly, Tristan comes running out of the back door of the church, and he starts going down the small hill to the lake. He's carrying the Faberge egg that he just found, and the egg has a beautiful blue color, with some pretty rubies of various colors in a gold band that goes around the center of the egg. So, the egg is very similar to the first three eggs, with only the color of the egg and the color of the rubies being different.

Ava notices Tristan, so she points him out to everyone else.

AVA
There, he is!

Everyone else looks over to where Ava is pointing, so they see Tristan too.

Then, to the surprise of Tristan's family and Athena, three of the thieves (Nikolai, Alexander, and Dmitri) come running out of the church's back door too as they chase Tristan.

Tristan turns to his right in order to run along the edge of the lake, and the thieves are chasing closely behind him, with Nikolai being the closest to Tristan.

Tristan holds the egg up high to show it to his family and Athena while he's running along the edge of the lake.

TRISTAN
Hey, I got the egg!

EMILY
Good job, baby, but the bad guys
are chasing you!

TRISTAN
Yeah, I noticed that too!

Nikolai catches Tristan, so he dives onto his back and tackles him to the ground, which causes Tristan to drop the egg, which shoots out fast onto the ice. So, Alexander and Dmitri stop just short of reaching Tristan and Nikolai.

The egg slides far across the ice and even slides right up to Zack, so Zack stops it with his stick.

Nikolai gets off of Tristan's back and stands up, so Tristan stands up too.

Tristan walks out onto the ice as he goes towards his family and Athena, and then he starts walking backwards in order to address Nikolai.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Sorry, but on a frozen lake, it's
hard to catch people on ice skates.

Tristan smiles at Nikolai, but suddenly, Ivan drives a car fast through the snow as he goes down the hillside at the side of the church.

So, Tristan's smile disappears, and he stops and stands still as he watches the car in shock.

As Ivan approaches the lake, he spins the car around until the trunk of the car comes up next to the lake near the three other thieves, and then he stops the car.

Ivan pops the truck open, revealing ice skates and hockey sticks inside of it.

Ivan exits the car and goes to the trunk, where Alexander and Dmitri are already starting to pull out their ice skates.

Nikolai smiles at Tristan as he addresses him.

NIKOLAI

This is Russia. Everyone plays
hockey.

TRISTAN

Too bad Russia's sport isn't
curling or something.

Nikolai smiles at Tristan, and then he goes to the trunk to get his skates. And Tristan turns away from the thieves and starts walking quickly towards his family again, but of course, he can't go too fast since he's wearing shoes.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

So, who wants to play hockey?

ALEXIS

We just did, except it was a nice
family game.

Tristan arrives next to his family, so he stops.

TRISTAN

Well, this is kind of like that,
except it's against bad guys who
want to beat us up and take our
things.

Tristan gestures to the Faberge egg that's sitting next to Zack's hockey stick on the ice.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

And we're not playing with a puck.

Tristan smiles at Alexis, but Alexis just looks at Tristan like he's crazy.

EMILY

Sorry to break up the rules
meeting, but here come the bad
guys.

The Zeilers and Athena see that all four thieves are skating towards them while carrying hockey sticks.

TRISTAN

OK, I guess that means the game has
started.

Zack starts skating towards the far end of the lake, going further out onto the lake and away from the church, as he handles the Faberge egg like a puck with his hockey stick.

And all of the rest of the Zeilers and Athena spread out as they also skate in the same direction of Zack. Indeed, even Tristan starts to run/walk on the ice while trying to maintain his balance, which is funny looking.

The four thieves are very good skaters, so they quickly pass Tristan and Athena, who pull up the rear in this "hockey game" since they're, obviously, slower than everyone else, but Athena manages to be a little faster than Tristan since she's wearing skates.

Zack looks behind himself and sees that the thieves are catching up to him.

ZACK

These guys are really fast!

Alexis is skating wide open to the side of Zack.

ALEXIS

Pass it over here!

Zack looks up and sees Alexis, so he passes the Faberge egg over to her, and it slides nicely across the ice until Alexis stops it with her stick.

So, Alexis starts skating with the blue egg while the thieves start to chase her.

The thieves quickly gain on her, so obviously, Alexis becomes worried.

ALEXIS (CONT'D)
OK, I'm scared!

Emily is skating a little ways to the side of Alexis.

EMILY
I'm open!

Alexis passes the egg over to Emily, who stops it with her stick, and then Emily starts skating away from the thieves, who begin to chase her.

Zack is skating along when Ivan throws his shoulder into him, causing Zack to fall to the ice, where he skids on his back. Of course, this upsets Athena, who's continuing to skate a little ways behind everyone else.

ATHENA
Hey, that's roughing!

Zack is lying on his back as he rests for a moment.

ZACK
Thanks, honey, and good job on the hockey lingo, but I don't think they call penalties out here!

Zack flips over onto his stomach, and then he stands up and starts skating after everyone again.

Emily passes the egg over to Courtney, who only skates briefly with it before she passes it to David. Then, David starts skating with it, but Dmitri reaches out his stick and slaps the egg free, so it slides far forward across the ice.

DAVID
Oh, no!

Everyone starts to chase after the egg, including Tristan as he runs/walks as fast as he can on the ice. And Dmitri and David are skating next to each other as they chase it.

DMITRI
Don't feel bad, kid. I just played better defense.

Dmitri smiles at David, who's in no mood for humor.

Ivan reaches the egg, so he starts to skate away with it.

IVAN
I got it!

Ivan turns and starts skating back towards the church, so everyone else turns and starts skating that way too.

Just after Athena turns and starts to skate back to the church, Tristan has caught up to her as he's hurriedly approaching her while still heading away from the church.

TRISTAN

Give me your stick please.

Athena stops and gives her hockey stick to Tristan, who stops and grabs it.

ATHENA

OK.

Ivan is starting to skate past Tristan and Athena since he's heading back towards the church while everyone else is following him.

Tristan throws the hockey stick at Ivan, and it goes right between his legs. So, it trips Ivan up, and he falls really hard face forward onto the ice, and the egg slides freely forward towards the church.

Tristan smiles at Athena.

TRISTAN

That's called slashing.

Athena smiles back at Tristan.

As Ivan just lies face down on the ice as he recovers from his hard fall for the rest of the "game," there's a mad dash of skaters as everyone else flies by Tristan and Athena since they're going after the egg.

Then, Tristan and Athena start to go after the egg too, but of course, they're much slower than everyone else, so they quickly fall a fair distance behind everyone else again.

Zack approaches the egg first.

ZACK

Come back to papa.

Zack starts to skate with the egg again, continuing towards the church. So, three thieves chase Zack while Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava follow him too as they try to help him.

Ava smiles at Alexander as they skate side by side, and he just glares back at her.

ALEXANDER

I think you're a little young to be
in this game.

AVA

And I thought Russians were good at
hockey.

Ava smiles at Alexander again, so he gets mad and
crosschecks her down to the ice.

So, David gets mad and skates full steam at Alexander.

DAVID

Hey, you stupid thug, pick on
someone your own size!

David punches Alexander as he skates past him, which knocks
Alexander down hard to the ice, where he remains to recover
for the rest of the "game" while David skates over to Ava.

Tristan addresses Athena as they continue side by side,
trying to catch up to everyone else.

TRISTAN

And that's called fighting.

Athena smiles.

David reaches Ava, so he stops and pulls her up since she's
not hurt.

AVA

Thanks, brother.

DAVID

No problem, sister.

David and Ava smile at each other, and then they start
skating after Zack again.

Alexander and Ivan are lying in pain on the ice while Zack
is skating away too fast for Nikolai and Dmitri. And, since
Nikolai and Dmitri are really tired, they give up their
chase as they stop and try to catch their breaths.

And Tristan and Athena start to hurry after the rest of the
Zeilers, who start celebrating their victory by yelling and
raising their sticks in the air.

Zack reaches the end of the lake next to the church, so he
shoots the egg softly into the snowy bank, and then he falls
down in the snow on his back next to the egg, and he raises
his hands in victory.

ZACK
And the Zeilers win again!

Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava arrive at the snow back, where they fall into the snow too, and they also lie on their backs while Tristan and Athena continue to make their way towards them.

EXT. MAIN ROAD IN THE COUNTRYSIDE - DAY

It's snowing as the Zeilers and Athena are standing next to the side of their car, which is parked on the shoulder of the main road, and they're all wearing coats, hats, and gloves. They're just before a turn that goes onto a snow-covered side road that, obviously, has too much snow for their car to drive on it.

So, they're staring hopelessly at the side road, and they're out in the open countryside where there aren't a lot of trees around, and there are no other cars around, so they're very much alone.

ALEXIS
Well, our car is never going to
make it down that road.

EMILY
I guess we have to walk.

Emily addresses Tristan.

EMILY (CONT'D)
How long is it?

TRISTAN
Five miles.

EMILY
Oh, good, long enough to freeze to
death.

DAVID
Well, we don't all have to go.
Just send Ava.

Athena slaps David in the back of his head.

DAVID (CONT'D)
Ow!

David addresses Ava as he talks about Athena.

DAVID (CONT'D)

She's getting way too comfortable
with us.

Ava and Athena smile, and then everyone hears bells ringing in the distance, so they turn and look down the main road.

COURTNEY

Are those bells?

In the distance, through the falling snow, a one-horse open sleigh is coming down the main road as it heads towards them.

ZACK

Yeah, I think it's a sleigh.

It's a beautiful red sleigh that consists of three benches, and it's being driven by an old man who's sitting on the front bench while holding the reigns for the single pretty white horse that's pulling the sleigh. The bells on the reigns are jingling as the horse runs, and of course, these are the bells that the Zeilers and Athena first heard in the distance.

TRISTAN

I wonder if he'd rather have a car.

EXT. SIDE ROAD IN THE COUNTRYSIDE - DAY

As it continues to snow, the Zeilers and Athena are cruising down the side road in the sleigh since, obviously, Tristan traded his car for it. Tristan and Emily are sitting on the front bench as Tristan drives it with the reigns for the horse, and the bells on the reigns are jingling. Alexis, Zack, and Athena are sitting on the middle bench while Courtney, David, and Ava are sitting on the back bench.

It's a very beautiful and fun ride as they go easily and quickly over the snow on top of the road. Indeed, everyone is enjoying it, and all of them are singing, "JINGLE BELLS," with Alexis playing the music (not the lyrics) on an old-time iPod since Tristan had destroyed her smartphone.

They sing a beautiful rendition of this fun song that's very apt since they're, literally, traveling in a one-horse open sleigh with bells jingling.

TRISTAN, EMILY, ALEXIS, ZACK, COURTNEY,
DAVID, AVA, AND ATHENA

(singing)

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh.

O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.

Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride.
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side.

The horse was lean and lank.
Misfortune seemed his lot.
He got into a drifted bank,
And then we got upsot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Now, the ground is white.
Go it while you're young.
Take the girls tonight,
And sing this sleighing song.

Just get a bobtailed bay,
Two forty as his speed.
Hitch him to an open sleigh,
And crack, you'll take the lead.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

Everyone is smiling and having fun as they start to approach an old stone church.

EXT. SMALL STONE CHURCH - DAY

In the falling snow, Tristan pulls the reigns back, stopping the sleigh near the front of the church. It's a fairly small church, but it's a very nice-looking building made of gray stone with Gothic architecture. Although it's a very old building, it's still in good condition, and it's still in use, so it's clearly not an abandoned building. Also, it's the only building around, and it's in a fairly open area where there aren't many trees, though Tristan has stopped his sleigh next to a tree.

TRISTAN
OK, everybody out!

Everyone hops off the sleigh, and they start walking towards the front of the church while Tristan ties the reigns around the nearby tree.

Everyone else stops just a few steps in front of the horse as they look at the church, and Tristan walks up to them and stops too as David addresses everyone.

DAVID
So, this little building in the
middle of nowhere contains the
world's most important treasures?

COURTNEY
Yeah, you'd think they could at
least afford to modernize it or
something.

Ava slaps Courtney on her arm.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
Hey, what was that for?

AVA
You made a David comment.

COURTNEY
Oh, yeah, good catch. You should
have slapped me harder.

Ava smiles at Courtney, and Courtney smiles back at her.

Tristan starts walking towards the church.

TRISTAN

OK, let's go find the treasure.

Everyone else starts to follow Tristan.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

First one to find it gets a
trillions dollars. But, then, we
have to give it back ... so I guess
that means no one gets anything.

ALEXIS

So, we all get nothing?

TRISTAN

Exactly. Now, aren't we all
excited?

Tristan smiles, and then everyone else smiles too since they
enjoy his humor.

COURTNEY

Shouldn't you slap Dad?

AVA

I'm pretty sure it's too late for
him.

COURTNEY

I'm pretty sure it was over for him
before it started.

Ava laughs, and Courtney smiles.

Everyone arrives at the front door, so they stop.

Tristan pulls open the wooden door and holds it open for
everyone else as they start to enter the church.

INT. NAVE - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena walk into the church, with Tristan
entering last as he closes the door behind them. They walk
forward into the nave that's not very big, but it does have
two columns of about thirty pews in each column. Like the
outside of the church, the walls and floor are made of gray
stone.

They walk down the middle aisle between the pews as they head towards the altar on the stage at the front of the nave.

It's a very nice church with stone arches, which are only about eight feet tall, running along each wall outside of the pews. And there are some pretty Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees and wreaths that have red and green lights shining in this fairly dark church.

David and Ava look at each other as they walk, and they know they're both thinking about running to the altar, so they smile at each other, and then they start running down the aisle while laughing.

So, everyone else smiles, and they start to run too.

David and Ava reach the altar first, so they stop and look at each other as they laugh, and shortly afterwards, everyone else arrives.

It's a simple stone altar, consisting of a small stone table where the far side of the table is attached to the wall, and there's a stone shelf above the table. And there's a nice Christmas tree on each side of the table, with lights shining nicely on the trees.

Tristan removes his coat, hat, and gloves. And he puts them down on a wooden table that's near the side of the altar. So, everyone else removes their coats, hats, and gloves and puts them on this table too.

EMILY

OK, baby, what do we do?

TRISTAN

We're supposed to use the key we got from the last egg on the keyhole that's located behind the shelf above the altar.

EMILY

Well, that sounds easy, except how do we get behind the shelf?

David picks up a stone pot of red roses that was sitting on the ground next to one of the Christmas trees, and he slams it down on the left side of the shelf, which breaks off a large section of the left side of the shelf as it comes crashing down onto the altar table, but the pot doesn't break.

Since no one else was paying attention to David, the resulting loud noise causes everyone else to jump.

Emily yells at David.

EMILY (CONT'D)

David!

Ava excitedly points at the keyhole that's now visible on the part of the wall that was covered by the shelf.

AVA

Hey, there's the keyhole!

Everyone else sees the keyhole that Ava is pointing out, so they become excited too, and Emily immediately becomes happy with David.

EMILY

Oh, good job, David!

DAVID

Yeah, it's the first time that flowers ever had a purpose.

David puts the flower pot down on the ground where it was originally sitting beside the Christmas tree.

TRISTAN

Well, that's my cue.

Tristan takes the key out of his pocket and puts it into the keyhole. As soon as he turns the key, the hidden door in the wall behind the altar releases a few inches on three sides, with the fourth side being hinged. So, everyone gets even more excited, and Tristan puts the key back in his pocket.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Cool.

Tristan pulls the door open, with the altar swinging with it since it's attached to the door, and lights automatically come on that reveal a stone staircase heading downward.

So, everyone steps forward until they stop at the top of the staircase, and they look down the staircase for a moment.

DAVID

OK, who wants to be the first one down to what may be their death?

AVA

Me!

Ava excitedly walks past David, and she starts walking quickly down the stairs.

So, everyone else starts to follow Ava quickly down the stairs, except David and Courtney remain standing for a moment as he addresses her.

DAVID

I probably didn't need to ask,
right?

Courtney smiles at David.

COURTNEY

No.

Courtney and David start to walk down the stairs too.

INT. TREASURE HALLWAY - DAY

The Zeilers and Athena walk down the last few steps, and then they stop in this gray stone hallway that's about twenty-five feet wide, and it's very long since it has about twenty-five rooms on each side. Indeed, this hallway is very nice and impressive, and each of the rooms is for a different country, so each of their dark wooden doors has a large painting of the country's flag on it.

Beside each door, there's a tall wooden pedestal where a Faberge egg is sitting in a golden holder. Each egg is painted with the country's flag that's on the door next to it, and there are nice rubies of the country's colors in a gold band around the center of the egg. So, the eggs are very similar to the previous eggs, with only the colors of the eggs and the colors of the rubies being different.

DAVID

It's a big hallway with doors.

AVA

I'm thinking there's something
behind the doors.

TRISTAN

Well, there's only one way to find
out.

Tristan starts walking to the first door on his left, so everyone else follows him. This door is for the USA, so the American flag is painted on it, and on the pedestal next to the door, the Faberge egg is painted with the American flag.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

And we'll start with our own
country.

Tristan stops at the door, so everyone else stops behind him.

Tristan pushes the door, but it doesn't open.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)
Except the door won't open. It
doesn't even have a door knob.

Alexis points to the Faberge egg on the pedestal.

ALEXIS
I'm guessing you have to use your
key in that.

Tristan looks at Alexis.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)
Oh, yeah, the key. Hey, sending
you to college finally paid off.

Tristan smiles at Alexis, who smiles back at him.

Tristan takes the key out of his pocket, which is the same key he just used to open the door to this hallway. Then, he inserts it into the Faberge egg on the pedestal, and when he turns it, the door cracks open while the egg remains closed.

Tristan puts the key back in his pocket, and then he pushes open the door, and everyone enters with great anticipation.

INT. AMERICAN TREASURE ROOM - DAY

Overhead lights automatically turn on, which reveal that the Zeilers and Athena are standing at the only door to an extremely large room that's filled with an incredible amount of treasure, so they stop just inside the room and look around in wonderment at the fantastic treasure. The treasure is very organized throughout the room, including along the walls and everywhere else on the floor space, although there's still plenty of room to walk around.

For instance, the treasure includes many glass cases that contain historical items, and there are open chests overflowing with gold coins and jewels of various colors, and there are suits of exquisite medieval armor.

COURTNEY
Wow!

Everyone starts to walk slowly forward, and although they spread out a little, they stay pretty close to each other as they look at different items of the treasure.

Emily looks to her right, where a tall pedestal has a beautiful golden cup standing on it, and although the cup is ancient, it's shining like new. So, Emily walks towards the cup while everyone else continues forward.

Emily stops in front of the pedestal, and along with Emily, we read the nameplate on the pedestal just below the cup, and it says, "HOLY GRAIL." So, Emily looks at the Holy Grail in shock, and then she looks over at everyone else and yells over at them in excitement.

EMILY

Hey, I found the Holy Grail!

No one else is interested since they're too busy looking at other treasures that are magnificent too as they continue to walk, so they don't even turn around to look at Emily.

ZACK

That's great, Mom!

Emily can't believe that no one else is excited, so she talks to herself as she starts to walk towards her family.

EMILY

It's only the Holy Grail. You know, Jesus and the Last Supper. It's no big deal or anything.

Everyone else starts to stop near each other in order to look at some of the various treasures closer as Emily continues to walk towards them.

Indeed, Courtney stops to admire a painting that's hanging on the wall. It's a very beautiful painting of Jesus and Mary as adults, and they're sitting next to each other in a brown river near the shore on a sunny day. The water is covering their mid sections as they rest their arms on their knees that are sticking up out of the water, and their clothes and hair are wet since they've, obviously, been underwater. And they're smiling very happily at each other since they're having fun together.

Courtney looks over at David, who's standing next to her while excitedly running his hands through the gold coins and jewels that fill a big treasure chest that's four feet high.

COURTNEY

Hey, look at this beautiful painting of Jesus and Mary in the river.

David looks at the painting.

DAVID

Yeah, that's a nice picture, but
I'm a little busy with like the
billions of dollars lying around.

Courtney just smiles as David turns his attention back to his treasure chest, and then she looks back at the painting.

Emily arrives next to everyone else, so she stops to look at some of the treasure too.

Zack and Athena are standing next to a beautiful model of an ancient Greek ship that's made of gold. The ship has several sails, and it's standing on a pedestal, but it's not in a glass case. Also, it's about two feet high and three feet long, so it's a fairly big model.

ZACK

It's an ancient Greek ship that's
kind of like the one we found, huh?

ATHENA

Yeah, except I think the gold makes
it too heavy to float.

Zack and Athena smile at each other.

ZACK

Yeah, you're probably right. So,
let's just cash it in and buy a
yacht.

Athena laughs, and then Zack smiles.

Alexis is looking at a big digital book/tablet that's sitting on top of a pedestal, and it contains thousands of digital pages.

ALEXIS

Hey, everyone, come look at this!

Everyone walks over to Alexis, and then they gather around her as they stop and look at the tablet too. Alexis points to the nameplate on the top of the tablet, and along with the Zeilers and Athena, we read it to say, "THE BOOK OF AMERICAN SECRETS."

ALEXIS (CONT'D)

It's called, "The Book of American
Secrets."

Alexis uses the controls on the side of the book to quickly scroll down a lot of digital pages.

ALEXIS (CONT'D)

And our country still updates it electronically by remote access.

Alexis stops at a page and points it out to everyone else, and then she looks down at the book to read from it.

ALEXIS (CONT'D)

See, this page says, "The Democrats and the FBI lied about Trump and Russia working together on the 2016 election in order to get investigative powers that they used to try to find something to affect the election. Then, when that failed, they used them to try to overthrow him through impeachment. Then, when that failed, they tried other impeachments. And they were aided and abetted by a lot of Republicans and the media and others. They followed the path of Stalin's head of secret police who said, 'Show me the man, and I'll find you the crime,' as they destroyed many lives in their attempted coup. They committed the most treasonous crime in American history."

Alexis looks up from the book, and Zack addresses everyone.

ZACK

Maybe, they should call it "The Book of the Obvious."

Everyone smiles/laughs.

The four thieves arrive as they stop and stand behind Tristan since he's closer to the only door in the distance where everyone entered. The Zeilers and Athena have their backs turned to the thieves, but then Ava notices them, so she freezes and stares at them as she becomes worried.

AVA

Uh, Dad, you might want to take a look behind you.

Tristan turns around and sees the thieves.

TRISTAN

Hey, it's our old friends!

All of the rest of the Zeilers and Athena turn around too, so they're standing behind Tristan as they also look at the thieves, and Zack walks forward and stops at Tristan's side in order to give him some support.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Out of curiosity, how do you keep finding us?

NIKOLAI

Well, one of our friends at the church in the Winter Palace told us that Viktor had given his Faberge egg to the world-famous Zeilers and their Greek friend, and he overheard one of you talking about the boat trip that you were going to take. Then, we saw a picture of you in the news for the ice-sculpture contest, so we tracked down that egg and read the map that gave the location of the next church, so you probably shouldn't have left the map inside it. Then, we realized that, besides the first egg, all of the eggs are located in a short straight line where the churches get older, so that brings us to here.

Courtney is a little hurt that there was no need to destroy her cellphone since the thieves didn't track the cellphones, although no one else cares.

COURTNEY

So, we destroyed our cellphones for no reason?

Tristan continues to address the thieves.

TRISTAN

You know, we really got to stop meeting like this.

Nikolai smiles.

NIKOLAI

I agree. Let's make this the last time.

TRISTAN

But it doesn't mean we can't do picnics.

NIKOLAI

Actually, it does. See, I realized the flaw in my plan is that if I let you go, you'll just run to the police.

TRISTAN

Yeah, I noticed that same flaw, but I didn't want to say anything since it didn't seem like it would work out too well for us.

Nikolai smiles, and he pulls out a gun, which he points at Tristan, so all of the Zeilers and Athena raise their hands up into the air.

NIKOLAI

Well, what can I say, except you're right?

All of the thieves laugh.

TRISTAN

Yeah, unfortunately, I'm always right.

Emily rolls her eyes.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Anyway, I see you're over that Christian thing about not killing innocent people, but how about letting my family go? I'm the one who wanted to discover the treasure, and I almost killed you with a boat, so it's only me who's been in your way. And, since Viktor knows all of you anyway, your identity isn't exactly a secret. So, why don't you kill me, and just tie up my family together, and by the time they waddle out of here, you'll be long gone.

NIKOLAI

I appreciate the offer, but I think I'll just kill all of you.

TRISTAN

Wait, at least save the women and children.

Zack looks around in shock since, of course, he's the only one besides Tristan who's not a woman or child.

ZACK

So, you want him to just kill you
and me?

Tristan turns to look at the rest of his family since he's surprised there aren't more adult men in his family.

TRISTAN

Wow, I didn't realize we had so
many women and children. Did you
know this?

ZACK

Uh, yeah, I met them before.

TRISTAN

Huh. So, I guess I'm just
sacrificing myself ... and my
first-born son.

Tristan turns back towards the thieves, and then he waves at the door where everyone entered that's in the distance behind the thieves.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

Hey, Viktor showed up!

The four thieves turn around and see there's no one at the door, and Tristan uses this opportunity to quickly step forward and grab the gun away from Nikolai's hands. Then, Tristan points the gun at Nikolai while stepping back to be next to Zack again.

Of course, the thieves turn back towards Tristan, and they look at him in shock since he now has the upper hand, and they're, basically, too shocked to even raise their hands into the air. And the rest of the Zeilers and Athena are smiling in excitement as they lower their hands.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

I can't believe you fell for that.
We do that all the time in America,
and it never works. Well, now, I'm
in control.

Tristan points the gun up into the air and squeezes the trigger to fire a shot into the air, but to everyone's surprise, the gun doesn't fire.

Tristan squeezes the trigger a few more times in order to shoot up into the air, but the gun never fires, so he lowers the gun down, and he addresses Nikolai.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

It's frozen, isn't it? How do you guys fight wars in this country?

The four thieves smile, and then they start to walk towards Tristan and Zack, so Tristan throws the gun at Nikolai, who barely slows down as it hits him in the shoulder. Then, a fist fight begins with Tristan and Zack versus the thieves.

Ava starts to rush at the thieves to join the fight, but Emily quickly reaches down and holds her back.

EMILY

(to Ava)

No, we can't fight!

(to Alexis, Courtney, David,
Ava, and Athena)

Follow me.

Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena follow Emily as they run away from the door since the fight blocks them from heading towards the door.

Tristan and Zack are putting up a good fight, but they're losing since they're outnumbered.

So, Tristan and Zack are able to land some punches, but they're getting hit pretty good.

Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena stop at a fairly large distance from the fight, although they're still pretty far from the end of the room, and they turn around in order to watch the fight.

ALEXIS

What do we do? We can't just let them get beat up?

EMILY

I know. I'm thinking.

Tristan and Zack are continuing their fist fight against the thieves, but they know they can't win.

ZACK

Do you have another plan?

TRISTAN

Yeah, run!

Tristan and Zack start running away as they run side by side, heading away from the door since the thieves are still blocking the way to the door, and of course, the thieves start running after them.

Tristan and Zack are faster than the thieves, so they're able to stay in front of them as they run in zigzagged patterns around this large room. They mostly go from side wall to side wall in order to avoid making a lot of progress towards their family and Athena, and they're also trying to find a way to circle around the thieves and lead them away from everyone else.

Indeed, Tristan and Zack are quickly able to circle back around the thieves, so they start running in a straight line towards the door in order to draw the thieves away from the rest of their family and Athena.

ZACK

So, we just run forever?

TRISTAN

Yep, I thought it up this plan all by myself!

Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena continue standing as they watch the race.

COURTNEY

This has to be Dad's plan.

The thieves are continuing to chase Tristan and Zack, but they know they'll never catch them, so Nikolai addresses the other thieves.

NIKOLAI

(in Russian, subtitled)

Go after their family!

The four thieves turn away from Tristan and Zack as they start running towards the rest of the Zeilers and Athena, who are standing in the distance. And Tristan and Zack look back and see that the thieves are running away from them.

TRISTAN

Hey, they gave up.

ZACK

Yeah, except now they're going after our family.

Just before reaching the door, Tristan and Zack turn back and start running after the thieves.

TRISTAN

Why is nothing easy?

Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena notice the thieves are running towards them, so they become worried.

AVA
I'm guessing the thieves are coming
after us now.

ALEXIS
Yeah, how about we steal Dad's plan
and run?

EMILY
Good idea. Run!

Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena start running, heading away from the door.

So, it's a ridiculous scene where Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena are running while the thieves are running after them, and Tristan and Zack are running after the thieves.

Tristan and Zack run next to a narrow table that has a single row of golden nuggets on it that are about the size of baseballs, and while barely slowing down, they quickly pick up two nuggets each.

Tristan and Zack start to throw their nuggets at the thieves, which causes the thieves to slow down as they get hit. Indeed, Zack throws a nugget at Alexander that hits him in the back.

ALEXANDER
Ow!

This scream in pain from Alexander causes all of the thieves to look back at Tristan and Zack, and immediately, Dmitri is hit in the face by a nugget thrown by Tristan.

DMITRI
Ow!

So, of course, the thieves realize that Tristan and Zack are throwing nuggets at them, but there's nothing they can do to defend themselves as they continue to run.

Zack throws a nugget at Nikolai that hits him in the back.

NIKOLAI
Ow!

Tristan throws a nugget at Ivan that hits him in the back.

IVAN
Ow!

As Tristan runs past a pedestal where two scepters are standing up in holders, he grabs both of them without slowing down. They're beautiful gold scepters, with each scepter having a nicely colored jewel as the knob on top.

Tristan tosses one scepter to Zack, who catches it, and since being hit with nuggets has slowed the thieves down, Tristan and Zack catch them almost immediately after they get the scepters.

While everyone is continuing to run, Nikolai turns and sees that Zack has arrived next to him, and Zack swings and hits Nikolai across the face with his scepter, so Nikolai falls to the ground.

Tristan swings and hits Alexander across his back with his scepter, so Alexander falls down.

Zack swings and hits Ivan across his back with his scepter, so Ivan falls down.

Tristan swings and hits Dmitri across the back of his legs with his scepter, so Dmitri falls down.

Tristan and Zack keep running as they pass the four thieves who are on the ground.

Tristan and Zack quickly catch up to the rest of the Zeilers and Athena, and everyone is really tired, so they all stop running, and they're still a little ways from the end of the room.

Everyone is breathing hard as they try to catch their breaths while they look back at the thieves, who are still lying down in pain.

Of course, the rest of the Zeilers and Athena are thrilled that Tristan and Zack saved them from the thieves.

EMILY

Good job, guys!

Tristan smiles proudly.

TRISTAN

It was nothing that some gold
nuggets and a couple of scepters
couldn't handle.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

Athena smiles at Zack, who smiles proudly back at her since he's, obviously, glad to show off for her.

ATHENA
You were very brave.

ZACK
Well, scepters are for kings.
That's probably why I'm so good
with one.

Zack smiles, and Athena laughs.

Courtney notices that the thieves are starting to slowly stand up, so she interrupts the lovefest between Zack and Athena.

COURTNEY
Yeah, well, king, you might want to
get that scepter ready again
because the thieves are getting up.

All of the Zeilers and Athena look over at the thieves, who are starting to sit up as they slowly recover.

ZACK
Why is nothing easy?

Emily addresses Tristan.

EMILY
What do we do?

TRISTAN
All of you will follow Zack and I,
and then we'll take on the thieves
to give you time to run past us to
the car and drive somewhere to call
the police.

Everyone is worried for Tristan and Zack, but Emily manages to nod her head.

EMILY
OK.

ALEXIS
Your plan is to stay and fight?

TRISTAN
Yeah, I don't want to run all the
way to the car. And, as a
psychologist, you should know we've
just been following the classic
survival response of fight or flee.
First, Zack and I fight while you

guys flee, then we all flee, then Zack and I fight while you guys still flee, and then we all rest with no fight or flee, and now, Zack and I fight while you guys flee. It's all basic psychology.

ALEXIS

OK, first of all, you just made my head hurt. And, second of all, you left out the part where you die.

TRISTAN

Why would I mention that part? It ruins the story.

Alexis is at a loss for words as she just stares at Tristan in disbelief.

AVA

This has been fascinating, but we don't have time to argue.

Ava motions over to the thieves, so everyone looks over at them and watches Alexander push over a tall glass case that contains several medieval swords (which are very nice-looking despite their age), so the case falls to the ground and shatters. And each thief starts to pick up a sword.

Tristan addresses Alexis again.

TRISTAN

Sorry, I've got to go, but I swear I'll let you win an argument one of these days.

Alexis throws her hands up in frustration as each of the four thieves now has a sword, and they start running at the Zeilers and Athena.

ALEXIS

Urgh!

Tristan smiles at Alexis.

Tristan and Zack start running towards the thieves, and Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena start running after them.

Tristan and Zack meet the thieves in a violent clash of their scepters, which they wield like swords, against the swords used by the thieves as all of them stop and fight each other.

This fighting keeps the thieves occupied, so it allows Emily, Alexis, Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena to run past one side of the fight as they head towards the door.

Although Tristan, Zack, and the thieves aren't really great at using any of the weapons, they have an amazing battle.

The scepters and swords frequently clash, causing the familiar sound of the clanging of metal.

However, there are also wild misses since none of them are experts at fighting.

Although Tristan and Zack are outnumbered, they manage to hold their own, even though each of them usually has to take on two of the thieves at a time.

Tristan and Zack manage to swing the fight around, so their backs are facing the door.

So, since Tristan and Zack are on the defensive, they're backing up towards the door as the fight continues.

Tristan hits the sword out of the hand of Dmitri with his scepter, so the sword falls to the ground, and Tristan quickly reaches down and picks up the sword.

For a moment, Tristan is fighting with a scepter and sword as he swings both of them wildly, clanging them against the sword attacks that continue to come at him from the thieves.

Zack hits the sword out of the hand of Alexander with his scepter, so the sword falls to the ground, but Nikolai uses his sword to knock the scepter out of Zack's hand, so the scepter falls to the ground too.

Zack quickly reaches down and picks up the sword while Alexander reaches down and picks up the scepter.

Nikolai hits the scepter out of Tristan's hand too, so the scepter falls to the ground, and Dmitri picks it up.

So, the fight continues, with Tristan and Zack wielding swords while Alexander and Dmitri are wielding scepters.

The clanging of the metal weapons against each other continues while the thieves push Tristan and Zack backwards.

Everyone seems to get better as the fight continues, so the fight becomes almost poetic, with the strokes of the swords and scepters meeting each other.

It's a whirlwind of fantastic fighting moves.

Indeed, it's stroke after stroke of the swords and scepters cutting through the air until they clang against each other.

It's a breathtaking battle.

Tristan and Zack back up into an area of many artifacts, including suits of armor and glass cases containing various invaluable treasures.

Tristan and Zack make full use of the treasures for their defense as they hide behind them, weaving their way from item to item.

Of course, the thieves have no regard for the sacredness of these treasures, so they violently swing their swords and scepters at the items as they try to get at Tristan and Zack.

So, it's a furious destruction of glass cases, suits of armor, vases, and other treasures crashing to the floor as the thieves strike them down.

Indeed, treasure after treasure is destroyed.

Tristan steps behind a big wooden treasure chest that's about four feet high as Ivan swings his sword wildly at him but misses and hits the side of the chest, creating a crack where thousands of gold coins and brilliantly colored rubies pour out like a waterfall onto the floor.

Thus, everyone stops fighting and just looks at all of the treasure pouring onto the floor, with the treasure appearing as if it's never going to stop flowing.

Tristan addresses everyone.

TRISTAN

This has to be the most expensive fight ever. Who here has insurance?

ZACK

I'm still on yours.

TRISTAN

Then, we'll have to say this was caused by a flood.

Treasure finally stops pouring out of the treasure chest, so the thieves start attacking Tristan and Zack again.

They're fighting in the open again, with no places for anyone to hide. And, while everyone is fairly tired, they're still fighting well.

They're getting closer to the door, although it's still a little bit in the distance.

ZACK

You know, I'm getting a little tired here. I can't do this forever.

TRISTAN

Never let them see you sweat.

ZACK

They're going to see me die.

TRISTAN

So, do you want to do that thing again where we flee?

ZACK

Yeah, that sounds good to me!

TRISTAN

Me too! Let's go!

Tristan and Zack turn and start running towards the door, so the thieves start chasing them.

NIKOLAI

After them!

Tristan and Zack are tired, but they're running at about the same speed as the thieves, so they manage to stay in front of them and, thus, approach the door first.

Nikolai is closest to Tristan and Zack, and in fact, he's only about twenty feet behind them.

Suddenly, Emily appears in the doorway, and she throws the Holy Grail at Nikolai, and it hits him in the face and knocks him down to the ground.

This gives enough time to Tristan and Zack to allow them to pass through the doorway, and then they stop and look back as Courtney, David, Ava, and Athena close the door, and Alexis is standing by the Faberge egg next to the door as she yells at Tristan.

ALEXIS

Give me the key!

TRISTAN

Oh, yeah!

Tristan quickly removes the key from his pocket and tosses it to Alexis, who hurriedly inserts it into the Faberge egg. Then, she turns the key, which causes the door to lock, so the thieves are locked in the room.

Tristan and Zack drop they're swords, and they're breathing hard as their family and Athena smile at them since everyone is happy to be safe. And Zack addresses Emily.

ZACK

Was that the Holy Grail?

EMILY

Oh, now, you care.

Emily smiles at Zack, and he smiles back at her while everyone else smiles/laughs.

Emily approaches Tristan and smiles up at him, and he smiles down at her.

TRISTAN

I thought I told you to go get help.

EMILY

Baby, do you really think you would have been alive by the time we got help back here?

TRISTAN

That's a good point. I guess it was good that you stayed then.

Tristan and Emily smile at each other.

EMILY

Yes, it was.

Tristan and Emily embrace and kiss each other, so Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava turn away in disgust.

ALEXIS, COURTNEY, DAVID, AND AVA

Ew!

Unfortunately, Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava turn right towards Zack and Athena, who are also embracing while kissing. And this disgusts them even further, so they turn away from Zack and Athena too.

ALEXIS, COURTNEY, DAVID, AND AVA

Ew!

DAVID

For the love of Christmas. Let's
break it up people. Quit giving us
nightmares.

Following David's suggestion to stop kissing, Tristan and Emily break from their kiss, and Zack and Athena break from their kiss too. And the four of them laugh while Alexis, Courtney, David, and Ava are still a little disgusted.

EXT. SMALL STONE CHURCH - DAY

It's still snowing as the Zeilers and Athena walk out of the entrance of the church and onto the snow, heading towards their sleigh. They're wearing their coats, hats, and gloves, and they're thrilled that they found the treasure and are still alive.

ATHENA

That was amazing.

AVA

Yeah, but no one is going to
believe there's so much treasure
here.

Suddenly, four Russian soldiers jump out from behind trees where they were hiding, and with their rifles aimed at the Zeilers and Athena, they rush up to them.

So, the Zeilers and Athena immediately stop and put their hands up into the air. And the soldiers stop in front of them, with their gun barrels aimed at them.

And a few Russian army Humvees, which were parked next to the side of the church, drive fast through the snow as they turn to the front of the church where they stop, and about twenty soldiers quickly jump out of the Humvees and point their rifles at the Zeilers and Athena too.

COURTNEY

Something tells me these people
might believe it.

An ARMY GENERAL, 60 years old and dressed in a highly decorated uniform, steps out of the front passenger side of a Humvee while Viktor steps out of the back passenger side of the same Humvee. Obviously, Viktor immediately recognizes the Zeilers and Athena, so he quickly yells out to the soldiers while he walks towards the Zeilers and Athena.

VIKTOR
 (in Russian, subtitled)
 Put your weapons down! These are
 our friends!

The soldiers are hesitant to obey a civilian, so they don't lower their weapons, but then the Army General quickly reinforces Viktor's request to his soldiers.

ARMY GENERAL
 (in Russian, subtitled)
 Put your weapons down!

All of the soldiers lower their rifles down to their sides, so the situation has deescalated, and the Zeilers and Athena lower their hands. Then, Viktor and the Army General stop in front of the Zeilers and Athena, and Viktor smiles at them, but they don't smile back since he put them in danger with this treasure hunt.

VIKTOR
 My friends, I knew you would do it.
 The world owes you a great debt of
 gratitude. You truly are great
 adventurers and explorers. All of
 you are blessings from God. Thank
 you.

TRISTAN
 You know, those ex-Defenders, who
 you said were peaceful, just tried
 to kill us.

VIKTOR
 I'm so sorry to hear that. I
 completely apologize. I never
 would have brought any of you into
 this if I thought they would turn
 violent. I knew them as men of
 Christ for so long that I never
 thought they would fall so far, but
 I guess money can make even some
 holy people go towards darkness.

Tristan motions to the church.

TRISTAN
 Well, at least they're locked
 inside there now.

VIKTOR
 And I also apologize for my method
 of getting you here.

EMILY

What do you mean?

VIKTOR

Well, I knew all of you were weary of going on any more adventures, so with a little convincing and some money, I got one of Tristan's boatmates to sell him on the idea of coming to Russia, where I knew I'd have a better chance to convince you. I didn't want to handle it this way, but this treasure is so important to the world, and I knew you were the only ones who could save it.

TRISTAN

Unfortunately, we didn't save all of it. Some of it is broken. I think it was a flood.

Viktor smiles.

Tristan addresses the Army General.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

By the way, how did the whole army find us here?

The Army General speaks English with a Russian accent.

ARMY GENERAL

Well, there's a red button at the Kremlin that turned on when this treasure was breached, and it communicated this location. We always wondered what that button was for.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

VIKTOR

I didn't even know about it, but as it turns out, we Christians aren't bad at protecting treasure after all.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

EMILY

So, why is all this treasure just sitting in this church?

VIKTOR

Yes, that's a very good question. See, a lot of this treasure was found a long time ago by various archaeologists, explorers, and governments, and all of these items were either the cause of fighting or got tied up in so many disputes involving claims of ownership and royalties that the only thing that all of the fifty countries could agree to do was to hand everything over to the church for safeguarding since they knew the church was the only organization that wouldn't exploit it. And that was true for hundreds of years as the church protected it here ... until now. Anyway, some of the countries have forgotten that this treasure even exists, but I think it's time that it's shared with the world, thanks to you.

Everyone smiles.

EXT. THE ZEILERS' HOUSE - DAY (ESTABLISHING)

It's snowing on the beautiful house, which is already covered in snow.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Tristan is sitting in a recliner next to the side of the sofa while Emily and Alexis are sitting on the sofa. At the other side of the sofa, Zack and Athena are sitting on a loveseat. Courtney, David, and Ava are sitting in their own separate big furry bean bags, with Courtney in the middle. These bean bags are at the side of the loveseat, but they're also perpendicular and a little in front of the loveseat, so they're a little closer to the pleasant fire that's burning in the fireplace.

The Zeilers and Athena are simply resting since they've just finished opening their presents on this Christmas morning, so there's a lot of torn wrapping paper on the floor, especially around the nice Christmas tree in the corner of the room.

Alexis is looking at a text message from her boyfriend on her smartphone (which she just bought since Tristan destroyed her old one), and she paraphrases it for everyone.

ALEXIS

My boyfriend wishes everyone Merry Christmas on this Christmas morning, and he says he saw us on the news where it was shown how we discovered the treasure, which archaeologists from around the world are currently cataloging, and then all of the treasure will be unveiled for the world to see. And he says he's definitely coming with us on our next adventure.

Alexis looks up from her smartphone.

EMILY

I think we're retired.

Emily looks at Tristan.

EMILY (CONT'D)

Right, Tristan?

TRISTAN

Yeah, besides, there can't be many treasures left. But, maybe, we can move on to exploring the oceans.

Tristan sees that Emily is looking seriously at him to let him know that they're definitely not doing more adventures.

TRISTAN (CONT'D)

I mean, we're retired.

Tristan smiles at Emily, who smiles back at him, and then everyone else smiles too.

DAVID

So, just for the record, we found a golden treasure in Alaska, a historical treasure in Greece, and a treasure from around the world in Russia, and somehow, we're still not rich.

EMILY

We have a great family, so we're rich in the only way that really matters.

DAVID

That is like the most Mom answer ever ... but since your my mom, I'll let it slide.

David smiles at Emily, who smiles back at him.

While sitting in their bean bags, Courtney leans over and puts one of her arms around David's shoulders and rests her head on his shoulder as she acts like she's really touched by his nice words.

COURTNEY

Ah, David is growing up.

David calmly reaches up with one of his hands and gives Courtney a noogie on the top of her head, so Courtney quickly sits up straight again in her bean bag and removes her arm from David's shoulders.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)

Ow!

Everyone smiles/laughs, and indeed, even Courtney smiles as she looks at David, who looks back at her while laughing.

ZACK

So, we just ride off into the sunset?

ALEXIS

Yeah, except it's more like just sitting in our living room.

ATHENA

Which I think sounds great. You guys are such a great family, and I'm so happy to be with you.

Athena smiles at Zack.

ATHENA (CONT'D)

And, hopefully, I'll be a part of it someday.

Zack smiles back at Athena, and then they kiss each other.

AVA

OK, everything has gotten way too sappy.

Zack and Athena break from their kiss, and everyone smiles at Ava, who smiles back at them.

TRISTAN

It's your mom's fault. She started it.

EMILY

Yeah, sorry about all the love. I don't know what's wrong with me.

TRISTAN

Hey, admitting the problem is the first step to solving it.

Emily smiles at Tristan, who smiles back at her.

Ava addresses Courtney and David.

AVA

See, all I had to do was to get Dad to start talking, and all of this girly stuff would stop.

Ava looks back over at Tristan and Emily and sees that they're kissing, so she looks back over at Courtney and David.

AVA (CONT'D)

Never mind.

Courtney and David smile.

David slides out of his bean bag and onto the floor, and then he reaches out to Courtney with both of his arms as he pretends to be sappy with her.

DAVID

I love you, Courtney.

Courtney laughs as David hugs her, and everyone else smiles/laughs.

COURTNEY

What are you doing?

Ava slides out of her bean bag and onto the floor, and then she hugs both Courtney and David.

AVA

And I love both of you.

Then, Zack and Athena go down to the floor and hug Courtney, David, and Ava.

ZACK

OK, group hug.

Alexis goes down to the floor and joins the group hug.

ALEXIS
OK, me too.

Emily joins the group hug too.

EMILY
I have to be a part of this.

Tristan stands up and looks down at the group hug.

TRISTAN
OK, as usual, I have to be the
voice of reason. So, everyone,
stop the hugging, and return to
your normal seated positions.

Alexis looks up at Tristan.

ALEXIS
Get him!

Everyone stands up and tackles Tristan to the ground, where
he lies on his back. So, Tristan becomes the center of
their group hug as everyone is on top of him. And everyone,
including Tristan, is laughing.

TRISTAN
Hey, you're supposed to listen to
me. Stop it. Everyone needs to go
to timeout. No, this isn't right.
Who raised this family?

Everyone is happy.

FADE OUT.

THE END