



Without a map, it takes Vivian a good hour to find her way back to the small camp that's been set up in a series of relatively large rooms. Twice she opens doors with solid walls behind them, and once even tries to ascend a staircase that ends at the ceiling.

“Detective Xyzzy!” Second-in-command Joseph Stiles looks very pleased to see you. “That’s one person we scratch off the ‘missing’ list.” He motions at a list of about a dozen names nailed to a wooden wall.

You recognise most of them. “People who didn’t make it?”

He shrugs. “Or people we just haven’t found. We’re still working on a complete map of the place, but nothing too swell yet. Took us until yesterday just to find this spot. We’ve got plenty of food and water, but no idea how long it will need to last. Wish the commander was here.”

Your stomach plummets at his mention of the commander. Grimacing, you reach into your pocket - but it’s empty.

“Oh, that reminds me,” pipes up Vivian. “A giant rat ran out from under your coat just before you woke up. Took off down the hallway.”

That’s some relief, but not much - it’s going to be hard to find him again. Hopefully he can still understand English with a rat brain. If not, well, he couldn’t have asked for a better dream home for a rat. You focus your attention on the situation. “So what’s stopping you from breaking through the walls?”

“We tried that,” says Joseph. “Caused quite a collapse, and a few injuries. This place is fairly unstable, and we can’t tell which walls are load-bearing. No decent tools either. Can you guess our only one? It’s a flint I had on me. Our plan was to get a good map, then identify the outer walls and break through.”

“No windows?”

“No. There are modern steel doors around the place - we think we’ve been confined to an internal section of the mansion. The doors are coded. Come, I’ll show you the closest one.”

You fall in line behind Joseph, and pass some kind of makeshift game being played between some officers at a table...



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