Lennox's throat tightened, and there was a pin-pricking behind his eyes. Bloody hell, he thought, this girl beside him wasn't going to see him turn sentimental.

He stared fixedly at the wall of the nearest house. There, under a coat of white paint, he could see the dimmed outlines of giant black lettering. It was the Fascist slogan: Crédere – Obbedire – Combáttere. Believe, obey, fight. Lennox's eyes hardened. It took more than a coat of paint to obliterate that memory.

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