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Never give up. Never give up. Never say die. Alex Ryder is back. - Never Say Die slogan Never Say Die is the 11th book in the Alex Ryder series by British author Anthony Horowitz. The book was an unexpected release, as Horowitz announced that Russian roulette will be Alex Ryder's last book. Speaking about the new book Anthony Horowitz said: For the first time in more than three years, and contrary to my expectations, I found myself redefining my character, Alex Ryder. And I realized how much I missed him. Ideas came thick and fast. In fact, the new book has more action sequences - and more spectacular action - than anything I've written so far. I loved writing it and I'm sure it will appeal not only to new readers, but also to young people in their teens and twenties who grew up with Alex. Summary of the world's greatest teen spy is back in action in an exciting new mission: to destroy once and for all the terrorist organization SCORPIA. Americans may have purchased more than 6 million copies of Alex's adventures, but now, more than ever, we all need his heroism. After the events of Scorpio Rising, Alex moves to San Francisco as he slowly recovers from the tragic death of his best friend and caregiver, Jack Starbright, at the hands of terrorists working for SCORPIA. When Jack is gone, Alex feels lost and lonely, but then, out of nowhere, he receives a cryptic email - just three words long, but enough to make Alex believe that Jack can be alive. Armed with this shred of hope, Alex boards a flight bound for Egypt, and goes on a dubious quest to track down Jack. However, SCORPIA knows Alex's weakness. And the question of whether Jack is alive soon takes a back seat to cooling off a new terrorist plot that will define the lives of many. From Egypt to France to Wales, from luxury yachts to abandoned coal mines, Alex crosses a minefield of dangers and mysterious clues, fighting for the truth. The story of a Serbian mercenary pilot, (named Dragana Novak,) infiltrates an airshow in Suffolk to steal a super stallion on loan from the U.S. Air Force. The helicopter is then hidden in the English countryside on a symity landing pad that changes vertically, allowing it to be hidden inside a windmill dummy. The theft and disappearance of the helicopter makes its way to Mrs Tulip Jones, the head of M16 Special Operations, who begins the hunt for him in vain. Alex Ryder, who lives in San Francisco as the ward of Edward and Liz Pleasure, was unable to fully acclimatise to life in America after the death of his carer, Jack Starbrait, in Cairo, experiencing PTSD caused by memories and drifting from his friend and former love interest Sabine One afternoon, checking his email, Alex discovers a message that ALEXX I'M AL reads - and realizes that Jack can be alive: his apparent wrong name was a private joke between the two of them. With the help of computer geek Johnny Feldman, Alex can repeat the message and sneak away from Family Pleasure when they go on vacation. After beating up a pair of hooligans who picked him up and Feldman in the past, Alex gets a plane ticket to Cairo to repeat his steps from where he last saw Jack: in the now destroyed fortress of Scorpio in Siwa. Finding Jack's cell, Alex finds the name Grimaldi, scraped into the wall, but is ambushed by a group of bandits who were previously in the prison Scorpio, who want to take revenge on him: he fights off them and unexpectedly rescued Colonel Ali Manzur from the Egyptian secret service, which he encountered earlier. Colonel Manzur, dissatisfied with Alex's presence, is ready to repatriate him and disparage his evidence that Jack may be alive. Reviewing footage of Jack's death with the colonel, Alex suddenly notices a mismatch when the bird that flew into the corner of the screen as Jack left disappears too abruptly when the car exploded, showing that the footage had been tampered with: convinced the colonel of his hacker daughter Shadia echo the original message of Saint-Tropez, where he also reveals that two suspected Scorpio members, former Mafiosi Brothers Grimaldi, were allegedly seen. Alex decides to continue the search, and the colonel reluctantly expofants him with Alpha Jet. Arriving in St. Tropez, Alex confronts Mrs. Jones, who reveals her reluctance to ever use him in the first place and tries to send him back to San Francisco, fearing that he may develop what she perceives as an addiction to danger: with indignation, Alex presses on, eventually opening a private yacht to the Brothers Grimaldi, where he believes Jack may have been hidden. Using the self-destruction added by Shadia to the laptop, Alex distracts Grimaldi's guards long enough to sneak aboard the yacht, but finds only a map of Oxford and a Serbian pilot who attacks him in a rage: he escapes, but returns to the square. After noticing the Grimaldi brothers in town, Alex tails them to his villa and watches them discuss Operation Steel Claw with a man named Derek Vosper, but he is captured and fitted with a pair of cement boots and thrown off a cliff: as Alex begins to sink, he rescued Ben Daniels, his former squad, and brought back to M16 for a dissection. From Alex's information, Mrs. Jones makes out of sight that Operation Steel Claw involves stealing an exhibition of Mesoamerican gold artifacts from the Ashmolean Museum, where Vosper is a curator, and the stolen Super Stallion had to drag the loot away. Ben and Alex wait in an M16 patrol car outside the museum until Alex suspects Vosper's wife, Jane Vosper, is a real target - she is a bus driver for for the children of the very rich rich and Grimaldi's true plan was to kidnap the children for ransom. Ben turns to catch up with the school coach, but the stolen Super Stallion appears and snatches the trainer off the road with a magnet, forcing Ben to extract Alex in pursuit as the trainer flies away: Alex manages to wedge himself under his landing gear as the helicopter drops him onto a moving train, flies away and explodes over the ocean before radar can track him. A train with a hijacked bus leaves for an abandoned coal factory hidden in Wales, and Alex appears to discover himself in the fortress of Grimaldi. Sneaking in to check on the abducted children, Alex eventually encounters a nurse who shows himself as Jack Starbrait. Jack and Alex share a tearful reunion as she fills it in on her disappearance: Grimaldi captured her during her escape to Cairo and kept her alive to act as a guardian for the children they planned to kidnap. Realizing the only way out as they came, Alex and Jack plan a breakthrough: Jack secretly frees the children while Alex sets a trap for the Grimaldis and finds a way to escape that will lead them back to the coach. However, as their escape is about to get underway, the alarm rises and Grimaldi guards attack, damaging the coach's fuel line as Jack tries to drive him down the rail line. The coach manages to take the lead, but the Brothers Grimaldi give chase in the locomotive, and soon begin to close the gap between them and the coach: desperately, Alex fills the thermos flask with diesel fuel from the leaking tank of the coach and throws it into the tunnel of the locomotive, where he lies down in the boiler and explodes, destroying the locomotive and killing Grimaldi. After Alex and Jack save the children, their parents offer a five million pound reward, which M16 arrange to be paid to Jack, as Alex can't accept him because of his unofficial role at M16, allowing her and Alex to return to their old lives. However, Ms Jones later pores over a file marked Nightshade in relation to a missing child who eventually resurfaced as a teenage killer, and wonders how, despite her promise to leave Alex alone, she is going to trick him into this new situation. Excerpts from Chapter 1 can be found by Excerpt from Chapter 2 can be found on Trivia Book called Steel Claw in Germany. This is one of two books where Alex does not recognize the antagonist's plan directly, instead he eavesdrops on details about it. Second, Scorpio. Goofs (Chapter 13: Needle Point pg 208) WOLF claims that his real name is Ben Daniels back in Snakehead (Chapter 10: Wat Ho) FOX says his name is Ben Daniels. According to Wikipedia edition of novels, Wolf retconned to be same character as Ben Daniels, who in previous editions is a Fox personality. The locomotive used at the refinery is the British Rail Standard Class 5, known to enthusiasts as the Black Five. Its use at the plant is technically unrealistic, as the locomotive was designed for basic work instead of work in refineries. This article is almost entirely composed of a summary of the plot. It should be expanded to provide a more balanced coverage that includes real context. Please edit the article to focus on discussing the work rather than just repeating the story. (October 2017) (Learn how and when to delete this template message) Never say die UK First Edition coverAuthorAnthony HorowitzCountryUnited KingdomSeriesAlex Rider seriesGenreAdventure, Spy, thrillerPublisherWalker Books (UK)Publishing dateUK 1 June 2017 (Walker Books)Media typePrint (hardback and paperback)Pages384ISBN981406377057AfterNightshade Never Say Die is the 11th novel in the alexy Rider series, written by British author Anthony Horowitz. It was published on 1 June 2017 in The UK. It was released in the United States on October 10, 2017. This is after a four-year hiatus from the previous book, Russian Roulette. Characters Alex Ryder - a young spy, the main character Jack Starbright - Alex's housekeeper and previous guardian until she was seemingly killed in Scorpio Rising Giovanni and Eduardo Grimaldi - a pair of identical twins who previously worked for Scorpio, the main anta draggonists of this novel Mrs. Jones - Head of M16 Special Operations after Alan Blunt, the previous head, was forced to resign A Serbian mercenary pilot infiltrates an airshow in Suffolk, where she steals a Sikorsky CH-53E Super Stallion on loan from the U.S. Air Force. Despite the best efforts of M16, they can not find the stolen helicopter. Within a month of Scorpio's fall, Alex Ryder lived in San Francisco as the ward of Edward and Liz Pleasure, but was unable to fully acclimatize to life in America after the death of his guardian Jack Starbrait in Cairo, experiencing PTSD caused by flashbacks and drifting from his friend Sabine Pleasure, which he is no longer in a relationship with, who reads ALEXX I'M AL-, and realizes that she can still be alive. While Pleasure is away one day, Alex travels to Cairo to repeat his steps from where he last saw Jack: in the now-destroyed fortress in Siwa. After discovering Jack's cell, Alex finds the name Grimaldi scraped into a wall but was ambushed by a group of six thugs, formerly of Scorpio Pay, who want to him for the murder of his employer, Razim: he fights them and unexpectedly rescued Ali Manzur from the Egyptian secret service, whom he encountered in Scorpio. Manzur, dissatisfied with Alex's presence, is ready to repatriate him until they review the footage of Jack's death and discover that some of the footage taken shortly before her car exploded has been edited. Convinced, Manzur has his daughter hacker Shadia repeat the original message of Saint-Tropez, where it also shows that two suspected members of Scorpio, ex-mafia identical brothers Grimaldi, were allegedly spotted. Alex decides to continue the search, and the colonel reluctantly expofants him with Alpha Jet. Arriving in St. Tropez, Alex encounters Mrs. Jones, who reveals her reluctance to ever use it in the first place and tries to send him back to San Francisco, fearing that he may develop what she perceives as an addiction to danger. Instead, Alex clicks on the Grimaldi Brothers' private yacht, where he believes Jack may have been hidden. Using the self-destruction added by Shadia to the laptop, Alex distracts Grimaldi's guards long enough to sneak aboard the yacht, but finds only a map of Oxford and Novak, who attacks him in a rage. Alex manages to escape, and Novak is unintentionally injured in the chaos, leaving her unable to pilot the Super Stallion: she is subsequently killed by Grimaldi, who hires her cousin Slavko as a replacement pilot. Alex tails the brothers to his villa and watches them discuss Operation Steel Claw with a man named Vosper before he is captured. Eager to perform Alex with a quick version of cement shoes, the brothers chained him to a concrete block and threw him off a cliff into the ocean. M16 overheard their plans to do so by hacking into Alex's mobile phone and he rescued Ben Fox Daniels, his former SAS training squadmate, and was brought back to M16 for analysis, but not before Alex announced that his home in Chelsea was not for sale after he was put on the market at the end of Scorpio Rising. From Alex's information, Ms. Jones says that Operation Steel Claw involves stealing an exhibition of Mesoamerican gold artifacts from the Ashmolean Museum, where Vosper is a curator, with a stolen Super Stallion designed to haul gold away. Ben and Alex wait in an M16 patrol car next to the museum until Alex digs out that Vosper's wife is a real target - she is a driver trainer for Linton Hall Preparatory School, which hosts children from very wealthy families. They understand that Grimaldi's real plan is to kidnap children for ransom. Ben manages to catch up with a school coach containing fifty-two children from school, but the stolen Super Stallion appears and snatches him off the road with a magnet, forcing Ben to extract Alex in pursuit as the trainer flies away: Alex manages to wedge himself under coach as helicopter helicopter he's on a moving locomotive - Midnight Flier - and flies away. It was later detonated by a bomb planted aboard Grimaldi, killing Slavko. Vosper's wife was also killed by her brothers later, having experienced its usefulness: Grimaldi then emailed the school with a threat, demanding several hundred million pounds in exchange for children; if the money is not collected and sent to them in two days, or if any attempt is made to save, all the children will be killed. A train carrying a hijacked bus enters an abandoned coal plant hidden in Wales, which was adapted into the Grimaldi fortress during Operation Steel Claw. Sneaking in to check on the kidnapped children, Alex eventually encounters Jack, who reveals that Grimaldi took her from Razim so she could act as a guardian for the children they planned to kidnap. Alex and Jack lead a breakout attempt and manage to sneak the kids back to the coach, but as their escape is about to get underway, the alarm rises and Grimaldi guards attack, killing the school guard and damaging the coach's fuel lines as Jack tries to drive him along the railway line. The Brothers Grimaldi themselves give a chase in Midnight Flier, and soon begin to close the gap between them and the coach: desperately, Alex fills a thermos flask with diesel from the trainer's leaking tank and throws it down the chimney of the locomotive, where he lies down in the boiler and explodes, destroying the locomotive and killing Grimaldi, along with his henchmen, Skunk. For saving the children, Alex receives a reward of five million pounds from his parents, which M16 arrange to be paid directly to Jack as Alex cannot accept him because of his unofficial role in M16. Alex and Jack return to their old life, and Mrs. Jones assures Alex that she will allow him to choose whether he wants to accept her next mission. However, she later pores over a file marked Nightshade in relation to a missing child who eventually resurfaced as a teenage killer, and decides to get Alex assigned to this new situation. Links: Never say die. December 1, 2016. Archive from the original on November 10, 2017. Received on November 9, 2017. Received from (novel) oldid-98343208 (novel)

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