

## **Cursed 551**

### **Chapter 551 Corruption**

#### **Rufus' POV:**

I took the flash drive and looked for a computer I could plug it into in the interrogation room of the dungeon. Without hesitation, I inserted it to the computer at once. The flash drive not only recorded the process of the transaction, but also the whereabouts of the money and resources. Most of it had been controlled by Geoffrey.

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When I saw just how much money was involved, I was furious.

Vampires had always been rich thanks to their immortality. They had accumulated vast wealth in their lifetimes.

The amount of money that Geoffrey and the vampires had embezzled was equivalent to the yearly financial expenditure of the entire country!

audacity to do something like

lot more ambitious than you think," Leonard said in a low voice when he saw what

planning a coup?" Sylvia turned to

no match for us. The weapons and the sold\*iers are for him to continue his tyranny over his turf. I'm sure you've noticed how magnificent and luxurious his mansion is. When I first came here, I almost thought I had arrived at

we got here in time,"

Geoffrey didn't have the time to prepare his weapons and sold\*iers and it was easy to defeat him." Leonard smiled triumphantly. As he spoke,

checked Geoffrey's financial records before, and they were flawless. How did you get your hands on taught me a thing or two. You, on the other hand, are still young. When you reach my age, you'll understand." Leonard

When I was a little over ten years

was young and arrogant, and refused to accept Leonard's help. He didn't get angry. Instead,

the prince, I was technically Leonard's

us all fooled,"

chuckle softly. Sylvia had always been a little softhearted. When Geoffrey first mentioned his parents, Sylvia actually felt pity for the

one, so Sylvia was

me fooled, Sylvia. You can't just believe

## **Chapter 552 Layla's Whereabouts**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

When Rufus took out the pendant, his expression changed dramatically. "Noreen's scent is on it."

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"What?! How?" Leonard's eyes also went as wide as saucers. When Leonard came, we told him about the black witch. We didn't hide it from him anymore. So now he knew that our other purpose of coming here was to find Noreen and save Blair.

"Geoffrey never mentioned this pendant before. It seems that he's still hiding something from us," Rufus said coldly as he eyed the pendant in his hand.

the pendant. I stood quietly aside without saying anything, but my heart was secretly

exact same pendant when I was a child. One day, I accidentally

That could

Why would it

heart raced wildly in my chest and beads of sweat formed on my forehead. After taking a few deep breaths, I asked,

Its cold touch made me shiver. I was sure that I had held this pendant before. It seemed that the pendant was indeed my mother's. "What's wrong, Sylvia?" Only then did Rufus notice that there was

I decided not to say anything about it. I just suggested

that I might have anything to do with the black witch.

keep the pendant first. Flora's father runs a gem business. Maybe she would

had Noreen's scent on it, so I insisted on keeping

with you." Without any hesitation, Rufus

rang. He answered it briskly

Warren. He's coming now. He's probably going to talk about the result of the interrogation,"

with blood. It seemed that

## **Chapter 553 Exchange Of Hostages**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

When we proposed the exchange, Hobson burst into hoarse laughter.

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"I don't give a damn about those vampires," Hobson said calmly.

Leonard pounded his fists on the desk and said angrily, "Hobson, so many years have passed but you're still so good at pretending."

again, his voice was

coldly but didn't say anything more. "What do we have to do for you to let her go?" Rufus continued

Why do

the easiest way to deal with

slightly. "Let me talk to Sylvia.

glanced at me and asked in a low voice, "Is that

I nodded.

clearing my throat,

off the speaker. This'll

at Rufus questioningly. He nodded and I

said coldly, "What

cryptic. "The hunter will eventually find and eat the little rabbit. Hide it well." His words sent a shiver down my

question, he just told me the time and

## **Chapter 554 Finding Ashley**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

"I'll take care of things here. But you must be careful. Vampires are difficult to deal with. In addition to their cunning wit, they also have their special powers. The people we caught aren't noblemen, just disposable minions. The purer the bloodline is, the stronger the vampire is—such as Hobson," Leonard warned us seriously. He looked worried.

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"I guess that means we really have no choice but to play it by ear." I sighed resignedly.

"By the way, how'd you reach me before?" Leonard suddenly asked. "The vampires would never let you use a phone. It'd have taken a few days for me to have gotten a letter, too."

I told him about the strange woman I met in the castle and about Ashley.

for me, and in

figuring out what was going on, Leonard suggested that Ashley go back with

and I'm sure Hobson's children had something to do with it. She'll only suffer more if she goes back to them. Most importantly, I think Hobson knows that Ashley

so easily. Hearing this,

case, we shouldn't give Ashley back. Maybe she can help us during the exchange. Let's wait and see how Ashley will act after everything is done," Rufus suggested. "Okay, but we

"Sounds good."

and I headed

countless times. Every time she mentioned it, her eyes were filled with disgust. It was clear that this

It wasn't as dark as I

but now it was torn down already,"

put a lot of energy into setting

Money was more than enough," Warren

help but laugh.

lot. He was no longer the broody, serious teen he once was. And he even threw in a

## **Chapter 555 Two Choices**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

I walked over and tapped Flora's shoulder from behind.

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Flora was so startled that she nearly jumped. Patting her chest to calm herself down, she asked, "Sylvia, what're you doing here?"

"I could ask you the same thing," I put my arm around her shoulder and said with a smile.

Flora snorted and relayed everything to me.

It turned out that Ashley was temporarily sent here with the other vampires after she was rescued from Geoffrey's clutches.

But none of these vampires seemed to like Ashley so they bullied her a lot. Flora was in the middle of a mission and happened to p@ssby. Seeing that Ashley was in trouble, she rescued her.

She has been in a daze this whole time." Flora pouted and threw her hands

"I see."

down next to her, I gently called

respond. She seemed to be completely immersed in her own world. Rufus had once told me that Geoffrey had f0rced Ashley

out the antidote I found in Geoffrey's secret room yesterday and handed  
she was a lifeless hulk. I had no choice but to put the antidote into her  
Ashley didn't bat an eyelash. She behaved obediently and didn't resist at  
She stayed silent. I couldn't tell whether the antidote had  
I had no choice but  
came to life at the mention of her mother. Her eyelashes fluttered  
desert since she hadn't spoken in so long. I fetched her a bottle of water  
her hand, but paused midair. After hesitating for  
clean. Don't worry." I smiled at her and pressed  
the water. While she drank, I told her about the pact I made with her mother and the exchange  
somewhat. This seemed to breathe life into her because her voice suddenly  
okay. She's just worried about you. But now you need to make a choice. Do you want to go back to the  
castle or help us exchange the hostages? Don't worry. If you choose to go back to the castle, I'll send  
someone to escort you out of the pack. I don't want to make things difficult for you." When I finished  
speaking, I looked at her quietly, waiting for her answer expectantly. Ashley looked almost exactly like  
agree to go with us. After all, she had no reason to help us, and the werewolves at the border had been  
nodded. "I'll help you exchange the hostages. I'm very familiar with the place you are going. I can help  
you

## **Chapter 556 Exchange of Hostages**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

We set off before night fell.

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Ashley led us along a secret short cut and we soon arrived at the designated meeting spot.

The vampires were bound by iron chains, and Warren and Flora were in charge of keeping a close eye on them. Meanwhile, Rufus and I waited for Hobson at the intersection.

When it was completely dark, we saw a group of vampires approaching. They were escorting a woman in a black hood. It seemed that the woman was Layla.

off the hood. Let

Layla laughed grimly but obliged. He yanked the hood off and spat, "Look.

and she seemed to be fine. It

and smiled bitterly. "I knew

found this, she-wolf, the vampire who bought her hadn't done anything to her yet. I overheard that he was planning to dissect her alive." The silver-haired vampire frivolously patted Layla's

briskly went down to

The silver-haired vampire looked at Layla longingly, as though he still wanted

at Warren meaningfully. He immediately understood and

vampire counted the prisoners, he squinted shrewdly and said, "One is missing. Where is the woman with the golden

dead and nothing much was left of her corpse, so we didn't bring her here," Rufus said

sneered. "Consider yourself lucky. If it weren't for Layla, we would've slaughtered the rest

Irritated, the silver haired vampire reached out and grabbed Layla's hair. "In that case, I should cut off one of her hands. It's only fair. After all, you K\*llled one of

I pointed at the vampires behind

the crook of Layla's leg and she buckled to her knees. His face contorted from being intensely angry to extremely crazy. "Okay, then I

dislocating one of her

## **Chapter 557 Counterattack**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

The hostages from both sides walked very carefully, fearing that one wrong move could have disastrous consequences.

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I stared at Layla and nodded at her, encouraging her to come over bravely.

Layla pursed her lips and looked serious. It could be seen from her trembling hands that she was also very nervous.

Soon, the hostages of both sides reached their own groups without a hitch. I approached Layla and helped her untie the rope. "Be careful. I can feel an ambush coming." Layla warned me in a low voice.

I looked up and

should check on her carefully, lest later you say that it's not the person

silver-haired vampire, I replied,

didn't seem to take me seriously. He smiled and clicked his tongue arrogantly. "You're dead meat, yet you still have

so? Who said we're going to d\*ie here?" I shrugged nonchalantly, pretending to

silver-haired vampire's lips curved into an evil smile. He slowly raised his hand, as if to give a signal

captives who had just walked over to them  
on  
go.” I grabbed Layla’s  
in front of us. He led the  
hell’s going on?” Layla was confused. She  
just left was a mess. Just then, two hooded people emerged from the crowd. It was  
were running towards us  
with a big, bright smile. She immediately threw her arms around Layla and cried, “I’m

## **Chapter 558 Separation**

### **Sylvia’s POV:**

It was pitch black now.

Title of the document

We tried to retreat along the same path we had taken, but many zombies attacked us along the way.

“These zombies are brainless monsters who don’t die.” Ashley, who was hiding in the dark with us, observed the zombies who were waving their arms listlessly outside.

There were a lot of zombies—too many to count. Back then, during the war between werewolves and vampires, the only reason why the vampires had the upper hand was because they had a zombie army.

“So, what should we do now?” Flora wrung her hands anxiously.

The situation was more complicated than I thought. With countless zombies around, we were trapped.

then, Rufus’ subordinates rushed over from the other side. They had

first. I’ll deal

to take out the flash bombs

Flora while I pulled Ashley and Layla to

were nothing compared to real vampires, so none

those zombies. After repelling them with a

our problem now was the vampires; they had caught

vampire activated his special power and released copious amounts of smoke, making us all lose our sense of

The smoke smelled so bad that

front of me. “Damn it!

as soon as she smelled anything unpleasant. I made a mental note to have her checked at the hospital after

didn't worry about her too much. What did

And so was Rufus.

name,

there was nothing but white smoke surrounding me. I slowly made my way

my wrist. I instinctively attacked it.

mid-air. "Where's Ashley?

"Yes!" Ashley's voice sounded.

## **Chapter 559 The Stone Chamber In The Black M**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

I took the pendant off my neck and looked at it closely. Was I imagining things or was it glowing a gloomy red light?

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"What's that? Why is it glowing?" Flora's eyes widened in curiosity. Apparently, I wasn't imagining things.

I didn't say anything. Biting my lower lip, I stared at the pendant uneasily. I had a bad feeling about this.

"Damn it! Not again!" Flora stomped her foot in frustration.

at and saw that black mist began to circle us. But it was different from the white smoke just now. The

I shouted in a

mere seconds, we were enshrouded in the mist and couldn't see

names and started walking

I found myself in a small stone chamber. There was nothing in the room, save for a stone tablet in front of me, with complex and mysterious runes written on it,

stone tablet was covered with runes, but also walls. Densely packed runes covered the walls like

the longer I stared at the markings on the wall, the dizzier I felt. I felt like I was going out of my

again. In that moment, I felt as

my brain

caught me. I vaguely heard Layla's voice from behind me.

Flora and Ashley. As for the sold\*iers, they were nowhere to be



scratched her head in confusion and began to look around the stone chamber. The stone chamber was empty, save for some white candles lined up against

lit it, but the feeble flame immediately went

give up, she took out

blink of an eye, the candlelight went

## **Chapter 560 Looking For The Key Hole**

### **Sylvia's POV:**

Judging from what Ashley had just said and the runes in the stone chamber, I was almost certain that this was the domain of a powerful witch.

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As for the key...

"My intuition tells me that this pendant is the key to this stone chamber, or the pendant wouldn't have reacted so abnormally, right? And after it glowed hot and red, the black mist appeared and brought us here," Flora concluded seriously, holding up the pendant.

"Where did you get that pendant?" Ashley suddenly asked.

"We found it in Geoffrey's secret room. Rufus said that Noreen's scent is on it," I answered honestly.

she the most difficult

mistaken, we might have accidentally entered

horror. "This is too much. I had no idea

laughter. Flora wasn't wrong. Noreen's notorious name and horrible deeds had spread far and wide

I hope we won't face Noreen herself. We won't stand a chance

place, maybe it can get us out," Layla, who had been quiet this

here. I just fumbled around the walls, but I didn't find a place to put the key." I frowned. This was tricky. I had explored every part of

to feel the walls

the walls a few

Flora couldn't help but whine. "These witches just had to use spells for everything! How

the stone wall in a daze, clutching

draw the wrong

which was enough

we needed an incantation

to Ashley and asked, “Did Hobson

Finally, she shook

shouted excitedly, “There’s a small hole here! Check it