

Her Vengeful Rebirth (Calista) Novel Chapter 271

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Chapter 271 Good Idea

“The outcome mustn’t be left uncertain,” Kallum interrupted. “But the interference device is a good idea. Have Quintus modify it to ensure that the disease detector will show a green light during the test.”

“Understood!” Quintus replied and quickly left. Modifying the detector would take time, so he needed to act fast.

“They might use other testing methods, Calista said, sounding hesitant. “Blood tests are not the only tools. They could use test strips or other non–electronic devices. In that case, the interference device would be useless.

Her concern was valid, but time was pressing. Kallum had to announce the press conference to calm the public before figuring out a foolproof plan as delaying further would only make things worse for him.

Hearing that the Fairchild family would hold a press conference and that Kallum was willing to undergo a public blood test at the hospital, the protesters calmed down considerably.

With the conference set for the day after tomorrow, they decided to wait, as making a fuss now seemed pointless.

However, Harvey held his own press conference first.

He feared the Fairchild family might kill him in anger before their conference if he didn’t appear in front of the public as soon as possible. Besides, to create momentum, he needed to release a statement first and sway public opinion quickly.

He portrayed himself as a victim who knew the truth but was silenced by the Fairchild family, causing a huge stir in Horington.

Everyone closely followed the developments, particularly focusing on Harvey.

In the hospital ward, reporters swarmed around Harvey.

“Mr. Wolford, is what you said true? Were you targeted by the Fairchild family because you discovered the truth?”

Although most reporters were cautious, the Murray family was somewhat influential. To seek revenge for losing two ports, they got a few reporters from various radio stations and news agencies to interview Harvey. Besides, as the matter had escalated, the state

also started an investigation. Thus, some reporters who thought that the Fairchild family was doomed immediately went there to interview Harvey.

Looking haggard and miserable, Harvey spoke weakly but passionately in front of numerous microphones. "That is right! Kallum was infected with the K Virus a year ago. Calista has been keeping him alive. I accidentally discovered his secret, which led to my current situation..."

He continued pitifully. "This concerns everyone's lives. To verify it, I had a friend secretly obtain the water used during Kallum's blood test. It was not pure water! My friend tested it with a strip, and it changed color! If Kallum was fine, why tamper with the water? Unfortunately, my friend could not smuggle the evidence out of Fairchild Mandr

Reporters snapped photos frantically. Someone asked, "Are you implying that Ms. Calista Stafford knows a Tar shout the V Virus and has agnethed in nealong the lives of infarted nationtr

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"Exactly! Calista definitely has such a method but refuses to reveal it. So many people have been isolated because of Kallum, and their fates are uncertain. Yet, she hides the cure just for Kallum. It is heartless!"

"Why would she do that? Shouldn't she publish her findings?"

Harvey sneered. "Perhaps you out-of-town reporters do not know, but Calista was betrothed to Kallum from a young age. She always loved him, but he didn't feel the same, so they never had an official engagement. Yet, a year ago, Kallum's attitude toward her changed abruptly. It is suspicious! And they say women are blind in love. She was already infatuated with Kallum. Now, being sweet-talked by him, not only would she turn a blind eye to those dying, she'd probably even defend Kallum if he were to twist the truth!"

As he spoke indignantly, he secretly gloated. This is perfect! I am setting the narrative first, so if Calista presents her research findings later, people will only accuse her of letting people die. If she presents her findings now to save lives, it is as good as admitting she has a way to prolong the lives of K Virus patients, indirectly confirming my suspicions. Anyway, whatever Calista does at this point is wrong!

Harvey was stirring up trouble regardless of the consequences.

He had nothing left to fear now. Things had reached a point of no return, all he could do was to make a big

scene!

Twelve people in Horington were infected. Barring any surprises, they would die in a month. Twelve lives could not just go unaccounted for.

On the day Kallum held the press conference, the state would send someone to inspect. In other words, if Kallum had any issues, he would definitely not escape isolation, and the Fairchild family's reputation would suffer greatly as a result!

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Chapter 272 The Press Conference

All the turmoil and strife occurred behind the scenes, yet openly churned on the surface.

Finally, the day of the Fairchild family's press conference arrived.

Too many people suspected that the K Virus leaked from the Fairchild family. Thus, on the day of the press conference, the entire venue was packed with people.

The Fairchild family had countless adversions with the families of the victims, state-appointed prosecutors, and swarming journalists. Within half an hour, the venue was already bursting at the seams. Many who could not enter waited outside, watching the sky grow darker, yet their hearts remained restless.

think the Fairchild family will do to prove their innocence tonight?" a reporter whispered to

"What do you a colleague.

"They'll probably do a blood test in public, but this time it can't be like the last time where the Fairchild family handled everything. This time, the state will probably conduct the test to convince everyone."

“That makes sense, but since the Fairchild family dared to hold this press conference, I tend to believe them. If the K Virus really leaked from them, they wouldn’t have the confidence to do this.”

“I agree. They wouldn’t shoot themselves in the foot.”

Conversations of this sort stirred up quite a buzz throughout the entire venue.

Kallum sat in the car, looking at the dense crowd outside, his expression stern.

“Don’t worry, we’ve prepared thoroughly. Even if something unexpected happens, just trust me. I have a trump card!” Calista spoke lightly to reassure him.

Feeling puzzled, Kallum asked, “A trump card? What did you do?”

Calista smiled mysteriously, her eyes sparkling, “This is a secret! Since it is a trump card, it is absolutely foolproof. Of course, if we do not need to use it, we will not. When the time comes, you’ll see.”

She raised her eyebrows slightly, her tone light. In this tense moment, Kallum could not help but find her funny.

“I never thought you’d be one to keep secrets.”

He guessed Calista was either comforting him or had some medicine that could help him pass the inspection temporarily.

However, the latter seemed unlikely, as if she had such medicine, she wouldn’t keep it a secret unless it had significant side effects.

Amid these vague thoughts, Harvey arrived.

Harvey’s appearance made the reporters even more excited.

In just a few days, Harvey had lost a lot of weight. Even Yelena might not recognize him at first glance now.

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Hooked on an IV drip, Harvey looked weak and pale, as if on the verge of death. His sluggish movements evoked a sense of pity.

Who could recognize him as the once-revered head of the Wolford family from just a month ago? His fall from grace was harsh and brutal.

Harvey had been stirring up trouble these past few days all for this very moment! The Fairchild family, in proving their innocence, could not avoid confronting him. After all, Harvey had vowed that he was targeted by the Fairchild family because he knew a secret.

Not only Harvey but Hendrick, who had failed to gain anything the day before yesterday, also came. Prosecutors, reporters, the Fairchild family's confidants, and enemies—everyone who should and shouldn't be there was present. All that was left was for the Fairchilds to arrive.

At that moment, someone exclaimed softly. "They're here!"

Eight luxurious extended Rolls-Royces pulled up outside the open-air venue. From each car emerged impeccably dressed black-suited bodyguards. From the most opulent dark-gold vehicle, a tall man in a deep blue suit stepped out. After getting off, he carefully helped a woman out of the car.

Their appearance immediately drew everyone's attention. Attractive people always garnered extra attention, especially when they were the focus of today's event.

They arrived hand in hand, without much fanfare, yet they were incredibly glamorous.

"I think Mr. Kallum and his fiancée might be the most attractive couple in high society. Do you agree?" a young reporter murmured.

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Someone agreed, "No disagreement here. I was hoping for some big news today, but now, Mr. Kallum is really fine. Their picture-perfect moment shouldn't be marred by external troubles."

At that moment, everyone's attention was fixed on them. The originally noisy venue gradually quieted down.

Only Kallum and Calista came today. Silas had been tied up because of public opinion, and Wanda had fallen ill. But just the two of them were enough. Their composed entrance exuded enough presence to command the room!

Such charisma naturally invited envy..

“Mr. Kallum! You are finally here! Harvey claims you were infected with the K Virus a year ago. What do you have to say about this?”

“Mr. Kallum, is the Fairchild family really not involved in the Horington outbreak? Why are all the infected people attendees of the Fairchild family’s banquet?”

“Mr. Kallum, is your family secretly researching the K Virus, leading to its leak in Horington? respond to this?”

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On both sides of the red carpet, the bodyguards formed an impenetrable wall, preventing any reporters from crossing the safety line. They could only raise their microphones and ask questions with great effort.

But they received no responses. Kallum led Calista through the crowd with a cold, proud expression, his gaze sharp as they strode directly to the front stage.

Under countless flashing lights, Kallum remained extremely composed. His handsome face, as hard as a sculpture, exuded an aura that warned others to stay away. His gaze cut through the crowd and landed directly on Harvey.

The moment Harvey saw Kallum, his expression twisted with hatred, as if he wanted to pounce and tear off a piece of their flesh!

If it weren’t for the Fairchild family, he would still be the high and mighty head of the Wolford family!

If it were just Harvey, it wouldn’t be a big deal, but the old fox from the Murray family was also present, along with people from the Lozano family and the Zwilling family, all eyeing them like tigers. Kallum only glanced at Harvey before focusing on the “baule” ahead.

Harvey, on the other hand, glared at Calista and Kallum without a care. If he lost today, he would no longer exist in Honington tomorrow. What was there to fear? Kallum wouldn’t spare him anyway!

Harvey was convinced Kallum was infected, so the question was whether the Fairchild family would come up with another way to fool everyone.

The crowd gradually quieted down. Kallum let out a soft hum and spoke his first sentence.

“I know why you are all here, and I have only one thing to say: The K Virus leak in Horington has nothing to do with the Fairchild family. Those behind this will pay the price today onward.”

The atmosphere turned tense. Though Kallum’s expressionless statement was brief, just thinking about the downfall of the Wolford family from Summerbank made them shiver.

The once–great Wolford family had fallen apart and become second–rate. They didn’t want to become the next Harvey. Some began to regret coming here, but Harvey loudly retorted.

“Stop with the threats and psychological games! I’ve got nothing left to lose. Even if I die today, I’ll expose your true colors!”

As he spoke, Harvey pushed his IV drip stand and stepped forward. Kallum squinted his eyes, and Gunner stepped up to block him.

“Mr. Wolford, please sit down. This is not your platform to speak. If you cause trouble, we’ll have no choice but to remove you.”

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Gunner’s voice was cold, his gaze hostile.

Harvey was unwilling, but he was no longer the formidable the head of the Wolford family. Many present were far more powerful than him. If he wanted to see Kallum suffer, he had to behave for now,

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thing. Even if Kallum was infected, he wouldn't cause the K Virus leak in Horington. Howard trusted Kallum, seeing him as reliable despite his youth.

"Mr. Kallum, long time no see." Howard Zeifert said, shaking Kallum's hand with a resigned expression.

"I am sorry to trouble you today. All we want is just to quell the rumors."

"I understand," Kallum responded politely. "Some people orchestrated this to target me. I already have some evidence. After the press conference, we can discuss it in detail."

In fact, Kallum had evidence to convict Harvey. However, the infected people believed the Fairchild family was to blame. Even exposing Harvey wouldn't quell the suspicions. To resolve this completely, Kallum had to take a risk.

Howard was pleasantly surprised. "Really? That is great! Those who act out of selfishness must be punished. The higher-ups have ordered that the mastermind be severely dealt with."

Kallum nodded. "Okay, it is getting late. Let's begin."

Seeing Kallum's calm demeanor, Howard waved his hand. A person stepped forward with a disease detector.

Before the blood test, Howard addressed the filming equipment, speaking sternly.

"Due to the recent spread of rumors in Horington, 1, Howard Zeifert, have been sent by the Inspection and Supervision Bureau to oversee this matter. I have no personal interest in this matter, and all actions. will be conducted under public scrutiny. I will not wrongfully accuse anyone, nor will I let any wrongdoer go unpunished."

Howard's words made Harvey nervous, but he believed he was safe. As long as Kallum tested positive for the K Virus, all attention would shift to him, making Harvey the hero and the most innocent victim in this ordeal.

Victory or defeat would be decided tonight. Harvey would keep his eyes wide open to expose Kallum's lies.

"Let's get started then."

Kallum unbuttoned his exquisite cuffs with an icy expression. His violet eyes, filled with a hint of menace, made everyone feel how reluctant he was to go through this.

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Even so, all eyes were still fixed on him. Howard personally took the disease detector from the assistant prosecutor and used pre-prepared blood samples to publicly test its accuracy.

“This is infected blood, and this is normal blood.” Howard introduced the two bowls of blood in front of him with a serious expression and then used the disease detector to test them.

The infected blood made the detector glow red, while the normal blood made it glow green.

After confirming the detector was working correctly. Howard carefully sterilized it and said to Kallum, “Mr. Kallum, my apologies.”

However, Kallum refused the blood collection needle handed to him. With a flick of his finger, an exquisite, gem-encrusted knife appeared at his fingertips.

Slowly, he made a small cut on his fair fingertip, and immediately, blood droplets started to emerge. Howard handed him the disease detector, while Ryder offered a bowl of water on the other side.

“Wait! I object!” Harvey hurriedly stood up. “There’s definitely something wrong with that water! Last time, Kallum used special water to deceive everyone right before their eyes!”

His adamant words made Kallum raise an eyebrow in displeasure. “Are you saying that if I do not use this water and directly test my blood, you’ll believe the results?”

He glanced disdainfully at the detector in his hand. “So, you want me to touch my own finger with this detector that is just been exposed to the infected blood?”

“You are scared, aren’t you?” Harvey, not understanding Kallum’s intentions and seeing him hesitate, grew agitated.

Kallum gave him a mocking look, and Calista stepped forward, drinking the purified water from the bowl in one gulp. She laughed mockingly, “There, no more water. I hope

you will not make more baseless claims when the test results come out, Mr. Wolford. One should know their place. Right now, you are in a position to make too many demands.”

Seeing Calista drink the water, Harvey knew it was safe. He felt increasingly uneasy, unsure of Kallum’s

next move.

Controlled by the bodyguards, he was forced to sit back down, while others cast looks of mild disdain his way. If it weren’t for the formal setting, the Fairchild family might have thrown him out already.

Kallum did not hesitate further. Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, he slowly brought the detector closer to his bleeding fingertip. At that moment, a dark glint flickered in his eyes.

Outwardly, his demeanor was as casual as ever, as if this press conference was just a routine formality.

What color would the detector emit? Given Kallum’s calm demeanor, it must be green.

As soon as the detector touched Kallum’s blood, it quickly emitted a green light.

This scene silenced many, especially those causing trouble. They had helped orchestrate this press

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No, Kallum is undoubtedly connected to this! The K Virus outbreak was clearly aimed at him, making us collateral damage in this battle!

Until the mastermind was caught, the Fairchild family remained their enemy. Lives were at stake, and they were implicated by the Fairchild family.

“Are you satisfied now?” Kallum’s voice broke the eerie silence.

“No, this can’t be!” Harvey finally snapped out of his daze. Held down by bodyguards, he could not stand, but his dissatisfied voice echoed through the venue.

“I know! The detector must be faulty!

His words made Howard frown. He stared at Harvey, “Are you implying I am covering for a suspect?”

Harvey’s heart skipped a beat under Howard’s displeased gaze, but he could not afford to care. If he could not bring Kallum down, he’d be dead by tomorrow! Fear had no place now. He could only grit his teeth and shout, “Who knows? Your family has ties with the Fairchild family. Who knows if Kallum bribed you

to...

“If you continue spouting nonsense, I’ll have you arrested for slander!”

Howard’s cold words silenced Harvey. Sweat poured from his forehead as the bodyguards tightened their grip, but his defiant eyes darted between Howard and Kallum, seeking any opportunity.

Seeing Harvey’s defiance falter, Aaron Murray, the head of the Murray family suddenly laughed. Surrounded by reporters and the crowd, he appeared calm and vigorous,

“It seems everyone is quite unconvinced...”

At his words, Calista and Kallum exchanged a subtle glance. Here it comes!

Aaron continued nonchalantly, “It is understandable for people to be skeptical about malfunctioning devices. And Mr. Kallum is here today to clear his name, isn’t he? So what harm in taking an extra step or

two?”

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“Old Mr. Murray, if you have something to say, just speak your mind!”

Kallum’s gaze was devoid of respect and carried a hint of provocation. “Besides, who says everyone does. not believe me? I’d love to know how many here actually do.”

As soon as Kallum finished speaking, several people voiced their agreement.

“Of course, we believe in Mr. Kallum!”

“Mr. Kallum could never be that kind of person!”

Expressions of loyalty came one after another. Though they had various motives for being there, they didn’t dare act rashly.

They also knew Howard wouldn’t cover for Kallum; despite the Fairchild family’s good relationship with the Howard family, they were also competitors. Only those victims desperately seeking someone to blame would be easily swayed by Harvey’s provocations.

Seeing the crowd’s lack of cooperation, Aaron scowled. It proved his influence was still no match for a young man in his twenties, even under such circumstances!

“Young people these days...”

He shook his head and sneered. “Even if the whole world stands with Mr. Kallum, what about them?”

Aaron pointed at the families of the dozen or so victims, his face filled with sympathy.

“Even if their family members weren’t directly harmed by the Fairchild family, they were indirectly affected. Lives are at stake. In this situation, we just want Mr. Kallum to use a different testing method to further dispel doubts. Is that so difficult? Or does Mr. Kallum only trust electronic instruments? If so, it reminds me of some signal interference devices...”

As the saying goes, “Wisdom comes with age,” His cunning words made refusal difficult.

Kallum sneered. “Your words are amusing. Indirectly affected? Are you saying that even if it is not my fault, I am still responsible? Then I do not need to do anything else, just keep taking responsibility!”

Kallum’s words caused Aaron’s face to twitch. Kallum was still as unyielding and aggressive as ever.

Aaron pressed further, "Regardless, our suspicions are justified. Instruments can malfunction, but other methods will not. The question is whether Mr. Kallum is willing to cooperate. After all, there are so many reporters watching"

Seeing Aaron was using public opinion to pressure him, Kallum sneered, "So, you are not satisfied unless you prove I have a problem? Fine/I assume you've prepared things like test strips? Bring them out. But let me be clear, this is the last time. I really do not have time to play games."

The Murray family quickly agreed.

"Sure, it is the last time! But this time, I'll send someone personally."

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Aaron relaxed slightly and instructed his grandson, Hendrick, "Go ahead. I am sure Mr. Kallum will not make things difficult for you."

Feeling uneasy. Howard asked sternly as Hendrick stepped forward. "What does Mr. Hendrick intend to do?"

"Don't be so nervous."

No longer showing the anger from a few days ago, Hendrick took out test strips, his eyes fixed on Kallum.

"Electronic devices can be tampered with, so we'll use the most primitive method."

When Kallum saw that the Murray family indeed chose test strips, his gaze flickered, but he said nothing.

To prevent doubts about the Murray family's test strips, Hendrick conducted a public demonstration. The test strips turned red with normal blood but blue with abnormal blood.

Many infectious diseases could make the strips turn blue, making them sensitive but inaccurate. Under normal circumstances, most people wouldn't use them to test for infectious diseases. Yet, the Murray family insisted on using them.

Kallum looked at the test strips, his expression playful. "If the test strips show I am clean, then?"

"Then it proves you are truly innocent. Our family will not say another word," Hendrick responded smoothly.

But if Kallum had a problem, he wouldn't escape Hendrick's grasp.

As their gazes clashed, Kallum raised an eyebrow and chuckled.

"In that case, let's get on with it. I have a lot to do, so let's make it quick."

His attitude remained nonchalant.

Hendrick gritted his teeth subtly. Like many hoping for Kallum's downfall, he wavered in the face of Kallum's confidence. Could Kallum fool even the test strips? No, impossible. Kallum could not control his own blood.

In a tense atmosphere, a piece of pure white test strip reached Kallum's hand. Toying with it deliberately, he repeatedly brought it close to his bleeding fingertip without making contact, keeping everyone on edge.

"Please take this seriously, Mr. Kallum!" Hendrick could not help but exclaim.

Kallum chuckled and pressed the strip onto his fingertip wound.

Under the magnified lens of the camera, every minute action was visible to all. As the strip slowly turned red, many held their breath, inwardly chanting.

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Chapter 276 Did Not Change Color

“Change color? Come on, change color! Change color!” No matter how much they yearned, the test paper seemed as ordinary as ever, leaving no impact on Kallum. The blood slowly spread across the paper, but in the end, it remained red. The scene served as a harsh slap in the face to all those with ulterior motives.

“This... This can’t be possible!” Harvey had already turned pale. As someone who had always firmly believed that there was something wrong with Kallum, he had never considered the consequences if Kallum was actually innocent.

Aaron couldn’t maintain his friendly smile any longer, and he shot Harvey a fierce glare when no one was looking. No one even knew for certain whether Kallum was actually sick, yet Harvey still stubbornly carried out so many foolish actions. No wonder Harvey is on the verge of bankruptcy! And now, the Murray family is dragged into this too! We received the incorrect information and made a mistake.

“I told you all! I knew there was no way Kallum was unwell.” Someone chuckled, a nearly genuine smile lighting up their face. “I hope some people would stop slandering Mr. Kallum! How could the Fairchild family possibly be related to the spread of the K Virus in Horington?”

“But...” A wealthy lady with a child stricken by the disease expressed her resentment, “Even if the Fairchild family didn’t cause this, all the victims attended the Fairchilds banquet before falling ill. How can we say that the Fairchild family has no connection to this?”

At that moment, Calista stepped out, her timing impeccable. “Indeed, our Fairchild family has been researching the K Virus, but it’s primarily in Corleon. The leak and spread of the K Virus has nothing to do with us. However, Harvey was right about one

thing. My team is leading the world in K Virus research! If you're willing, you can entrust all the patients to me."

Calista glanced at Howard. "I believe the country would also support my efforts to save people. I can't promise I'll be able to save them, but isn't there always more hope if they can live a bit longer? Also, it's pretty clear who must have been the mastermind behind all this."

Kallum moved to stand beside Calista, facing the reporters below. His expression was slightly frosty as he finally turned his gaze toward Harvey.

"In Horington, I wasn't the only one who had been bitten by Sterling. There was another person, someone who had once been even closer to Sterling, someone who desired Sterling's blood. I couldn't think of a second person apart from him who could commit such an atrocious act. Who do you think it is?" A few pointed remarks from Kallum had all cameras immediately focused on Harvey.

At that moment, Harvey ceased to struggle. He sat there, feeling weak in his limbs, drenched in cold sweat.

The gazes from the victims' families at him were piercingly intense!

Harvey swallowed hard, seemingly putting up a last-ditch resistance. "I... I didn't do it, Kallum. Are you trying to make me a scapegoat at this point? Haven't you ruined me enough?"

He still found himself gravitating toward the role of a victim.

Atop the high platform, Kallum appeared like a divine being looking down upon Harvey with utter

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Only then did Harvey realize that he hadn't seen the butler all day!

“I... I...” Beads of sweat trickled relentlessly down his face. His mouth hung open for what felt like an eternity, yet he couldn't muster any words of explanation. All eyes were fixed on him, and he felt as if his plump body was being roasted alive!

“You? You even secretly investigated the guests who attended the banquet at my house that night. Those who went straight home, you couldn't touch. However, those who made detours, you targeted them. I don't know how you knew their whereabouts. Maybe someone helped you. However, I must say, you are ruthless toward others. They... They didn't offend you, did they? Harvey, you are truly rotten to the core, daring to do anything for your own selfish desires.” By the time Kallum finished his last word, Harvey had already been apprehended!

The IV bag fell to the floor, and after the needle was removed, Harvey's hand wouldn't stop bleeding. His face was as pale as a ghost, showing a look of fear for the first time! “No... I didn't do it! I've never done such a thing!”

No one believed him anymore!

“Harvey! You heartless man! What did my son ever do to deserve this from you? Give me back my son's life!” The agitated family members had already rushed forward at the earliest opportunity, showering him with a flurry of punches and kicks!

At that moment, they weren't prestigious family members but simply relatives of a wounded patient, consumed by a raging fury. They wished nothing more than for Harvey to drop dead on the spot!

“Such a person should be sentenced to death! He's utterly despicable, disregarding the lives of everyone in Horington! This kind of person doesn't deserve to be called human!” The thought that Harvey had done it on purpose sent waves of anger cresting among many!

The type of person who could watch everyone else perish, as long as they themselves were unscathed, was truly repulsive. Even a single glance at them felt contaminating!

After Harvey was surrounded, the scene instantly descended into chaos. Many reporters, who were previously focused on interviewing Kallum, shifted their attention to Harvey.

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Chapter 277 Stand Down

Howard had no choice but to fire a shot into the sky! "Silence! From this moment onward, Harvey will be taken into custody. Everyone, stand down!"

The officer behind him rushed in and hauled Harvey out. By then, Harvey's face was scratched beyond recognition by fingernails. Harvey no longer had the overbearing presence he had upon arrival. He clung tightly to the officer's uniform, his expression still somewhat dazed.

Why is Kallum unharmed? How could he possibly be unscathed! What terrifying outcome will be waiting for me? Watching the relatives of the patients who seemed to wish they could devour him alive, Harvey recoiled slightly, daring not to dwell on the thought any further.

At that moment, an unexpected voice suddenly intruded!

"Kallum was lying!" At that moment, Wayne burst in

It was unclear who had lent him a hand, enabling him to bypass multiple obstacles and stand there miraculously.

Previously, Wayne was a member of the team aiming to conquer the K Virus. However, because he was unwilling to go to Corleon, Calista subsequently dismissed him. He was supposed to be under house arrest, but it would seem he escaped.

Calista glanced at Kallum, who wore a stern expression and was looking off to the right.

Startled, Ryder quickly said, "I'm going to check on it right away!"

Then, in a hurried rush, Ryder departed. However, Wayne had already shown up, and by that time, it was too late to investigate.

Wayne appeared somewhat neurotic, his entire demeanor wavering between excitement and fear. All eyes were focused on him, and he, in turn, was visibly trembling.

"Kallum is lying! I was originally one of the experts he hired, specifically to help him conquer the K Virus! So, he's definitely lying!" shouted Wayne.

All the reporters and guests went abuzz upon hearing that! A considerable number of journalists had surrounded Wayne, with cameras constantly filming him from all angles!

“What did you say? Who are you? Do you have any proof to back up your claims?” One question after another came at him, but once Wayne was surrounded by people, he seemed to feel a bit safer.

He stopped trembling, and his voice was no longer as sharp.

He anxiously watched Kallum on stage, speaking at a rapid pace.

“I was a professor at Colstrax University and also an S–Class expert at Genesis Virus Research Center. Last year, the Fairchild family specially hired me along with other experts to tackle the K Virus. It’s been over a year since then. However, because I refused to risk going to Corleon, the Fairchild family put me under house arrest! It’s been more than a year since I last saw my wife and children...” His voice was filled with emotion, starkly contrasting his own misery with the domineering nature of the Fairchild family!

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Chapter 277 Stand Down

With a flare of indignation, Wayne declared, “Electronic devices can be manipulated. As long as there’s money, there will be technicians willing to play dirty!”

“Even the test paper showed no issues-

“Because...” Wayne suddenly fixed his gaze on Calista. “Because before I left the team, Ms. Stafford on stage was already secretly researching a masking agent. When I left, it wasn’t successful yet, but now perhaps it is!”

Everyone’s gaze once again focused on Calista, but Calista and Kallum were holding hands, their fingers intertwined. Facing the sudden onset of a massive storm, their expressions remained remarkably calm, so calm that it was almost eerie!

In the midst of the commotion, most people were asking the same question. “What is a masking agent?”

Under the persistent questioning of everyone, Wayne managed to respond as calmly as possible. “It’s common knowledge that those infected with the K Virus have an acidic body. Hence, the blood gas test could detect anomalies. However, Calista intended to develop a masking agent that, once ingested, would temporarily balance the body’s pH levels. Did this mean the patient was cured? Absolutely not! She was merely inventing this to allow Kallum to slip through unnoticed, right under everyone’s noses. The truth is Kallum’s blood is still contagious!”

Many guests almost instinctually began to back away after hearing that! A large vacuum area appeared under the stage, and looking at Kallum's still bleeding hand, some sensitive individuals felt their bodies

start to itch!

"That's so scary! Is what this person saying really true?"

"What should I do? I'm feeling a bit unwell. I think I should leave first!"

"So, are you saying that Mr. Kallum was truly infected with the K Virus and survived for over a year? Could this mean my child could also continue to live..."

"So, was the K Virus leak in Horington still due to the Fairchild family?"

Harvey received a confidence boost from Wayne's words and suddenly burst into hearty laughter!

"You all understand who the real puppet master is now, don't you? I'm innocent! I didn't release the K Virus! Kallum is trying to frame me with false evidence! I'm innocent!" As he spoke, he was visibly struggling.

The members of the Murray family en displayed an attitude of regret, shaking their heads as they spoke.

"Who would have thought that even the pH level of blood could be altered? Calista is truly a genius..."

Even Howard took two steps back, his gaze fixed on Kallum. "Is it you?"

At that moment, all Kallum could do was shake his head. "It wasn't me."

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Chapter 278 Pin The Blame

In an effort to prevent spreading his ailment to others, Kallum seldom left his house. When he did venture- out, he was closely guarded to ensure his safety and was injected with suppressants as if they were free of charge.

Moreover, Harvey's butler had indeed confessed. Those involved in Harvey's activities were all under Kallum's control. Unfortunately, even if he were to hand those people over, others would likely assume it was the Fairchild family woercing confessions, using their authority to suppress others.

"It was you!" At that moment, it seemed as if Harvey had perceived something and desperately onto the stage!

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"It was you! Not only did you ruin me, but you also tried to pin all the blame on me! You were secretly researching the K Virus to save your own life, and when it accidentally got leaked, you refused to admit it. Instead, you put all the blame on me! Kallum, you're nothing but a devil! A devil who doesn't care about the lives of all the people in Horington!" Without a hint of shame, Harvey pinned everything on Kallum!

At that moment, the relatives of those infected rushed over, their eyes blazing red, their faces contorted with rage! Their anguish was palpable, coupled with a fury that stemmed from being fooled by vile individuals!

"You still won't admit it at this point? My child is only thirty, and you've ruined him! I don't care! If you can keep living, why should my child be quarantined? You must save him!" one parent shouted.

People were relentless toward Calista. "How could you support such a villain? Kallum should have been quarantined long ago! Yet, you've been covering for him all this while. Now look at the mess. The virus has leaked, and it could potentially wipe out Horington! Yet, you're still defending him!"

"You must save our child! Since Kallum is still alive, our child shouldn't have to die!"

The entire stage seemed to have morphed into a massive vortex, throwing an unexpected twist for the first time. Kallum's mind was yet every countermeasure he could think of was flawed, and every

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potential outcome was terrifying!

However, he instinctively raised his hand, and in an instant, countless bodyguards emerged from the venue. At first, Howard thought they were sent by the Fairchild family

to apprehend someone! As a result, he and the officers behind him were all on high alert!

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However, to people were merely there to maintain order. Under the forceful suppression, the previously chaotic situation was immediately subdued. However, one couldn't silence those people.

Those angry accusations, the voices filled with either sorrow or mockery and the various calculating cold gazes made Kallum feel uncomfortable. Throughout his life, no one had ever dared to speak to him in such a tone or look at him with such eyes. He had never imagined that one day, he would be pushed to such extremes.

However, he couldn't let things continue to unfold as they were.

As the head of the household, he couldn't back down at that moment. Even if he had to confront the situation, even if it meant being quarantined, he was determined first to dismiss the baseless accusations

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Chapter 278 Pin The Blame

Just as Kallum was about to speak, Calista suddenly tugged at him. "What are you planning to do?"

When Kallum turned around, his gaze shifted from sharp to sorrowful. Even if he were to die, he didn't intend to burden Calista. However, he had inadvertently entangled her in his troubles, and if she wasn't careful, she might end up being doomed eternally, just like him. "I'm sorry. I'll tell others that it was me who used your father as leverage to make you work for me. I won't let anything happen to you."

Calista was taken aback. She hadn't expected that, under the scrutiny of thousands, the first thing on Kallum's mind would actually be to protect her.

She quickly asked, "And what about you? Are you planning to expose Harvey's crimes to the public, then shoulder the concealed ones all by yourself? Do you want to be quarantined?"

Deprived of Calista's treatment, Kallum would soon meet his end in quarantine..

A flicker of confusion passed through his violet eyes, then instantly transformed into resolve! "If the situation is beyond repair, I have no choice but to do this!"

Calista gripped his hand tightly. "If that happens, the Fairchild family's reputation will be utterly destroyed! You.... You'll die, and all our efforts will be wasted! In such a scenario, your relatives will surely unite to attack. Do you think the already exhausted Silas can endure all of this? Even if you bear all the

considered your parents' feelings? They are desperate to cure you! Have you consequences, have you thought about them?"

Kallum fell silent. On one hand, he was faced with responsibility; on the other, his kin. However, the most important thing to him was the woman before him!

If he died, even if he claimed that he had coerced Calista into everything, those narrow-minded enemies of hers would still not let her off the hook.

He couldn't figure out what Calista could possibly do while he was stuck in the quarantine area.

"That's why, before you take that final step, could you trust me just once?" Calista's eyes sparkled with an unusual light with a mysterious smile. "Don't forget, I still have an ace up my s

Their conversations were held in secret. Meanwhile, those in the audience who wished ill fortune upon the Fairchild family had no intention of giving them time to strategize.

Aaron expressed his displeasure. "What on earth is the Fairchild family trying to do? Trapping us all here? If not, I'm leaving. I'm not as young as I used to be, and my resistance is not what it used to be. I certainly don't want to catch the K Virus and bring it home!"

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Chapter 279 Fueled Public Anger

Aaron's harsh words only fueled the public's anger! The families of the infected patients were even less likely to let Kallum off the hook!

"What more do you intend to do at this point? Hasn't your family caused us enough harm already? Do you wish to ruin even more lives?" one member of the crowd shouted.

Confronted with the crowd's accusations and fury, just before emotions erupted once again, Calista suddenly stepped forward. Determinedly, she shielded Kallum behind her.

"Isn't it a bit hasty to condemn the Fairchild family based solely on Wayne's account?" Her cool voice momentarily silenced the crowd.

However, Wayne quickly recovered and sharply retorted!

"How dare you still try to cover for him! Kallum is definitely infected with the K Virus! Unless you've found a cure for the K Virus, no matter what you say, he can't escape the fate of being quarantined!"

Calista chuckled coldly. "Kallum gathered all those experts merely because I showed interest in the K Virus, and he wanted to help me out. However, you claimed those people were gathered because he was infected. Where's your proof?"

Wayne's face turned an unsightly shade. It was already a miracle that he had managed to escape, so he had no evidence to prove that Kallum was sick. He didn't even have any contracts!

Seeing that Wayne remained silent, Calista calmly turned the tables. "In other words, you know nothing. yet you're here recklessly slandering people?"

The atmosphere gradually calmed down. At that moment, Aaron grumbled discontentedly. "Just like this person can't prove what he's saying, what proof do you have for your words?"

"Exactly!" Harvey exclaimed, panting heavily. "The easiest way to find out if there's an issue is by taking him to the hospital! All I hear is you talking, but what evidence do you have to prove that Kallum is okay?"

Calista slightly raised an eyebrow, "Of course I have."

At that moment, everyone, including Kallum, had their eyes on Calista.

They wondered what evidence was there to prove in front of everyone that Kallum was not infected.

A thought vaguely formed in Kallum's mind, which was then followed by a look of fear as he gazed at Calista. That was probably the first time in his life that he had felt such terror. Could she be planning to...

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“Trust me.” Before Kallum could utter a word, Calista interrupted him. At that moment, a flurry of thoughts rushed through Kallum’s mind, but ultimately, he was captivated by the unwavering gaze of

Calista.

Her eyes shone like the stars, yet the dark part was even—blacker than the abyss.

She reached out and grasped Kallum’s hand, which was still dripping with blood.

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Chapter 279 Fueled Public Anger

Under the intense gaze of the crowd, Calista exhaled. She looked at Kallum, surprised that she had finally

taken that step.

Instinctively, Kallum attempted to withdraw his hand, but Calista held on tightly! Her grip was strong and unwavering!

At that moment, Kallum abruptly understood Calista’s intentions. She’s really going through with that! I would rather be the one to suffer!

“No!” Suddenly, Kallum pulled back his hand, deciding he was going to reveal the truth!

However, just as his fingertips were about to slip away from Calista’s palm, Calista suddenly stood on her tiptoes and kissed him!

The entire venue fell into immediate silence. The crowd was fixated on the stage, in disbelief that the couple chose to share a kiss at that moment.

Even though it shouldn’t have been, the beauty that seemingly could transcend life and death shattered all doubts!

The skeptics thought, Could it be that Calista is trying to prove that Kallum is all right by doing that? Ha, if that is the extent of her efforts, it is simply impossible to dispel those doubts!

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Kallum, however, wanted to dodge. For the first time, he resisted Calista’s kiss, rapidly pushing her away. Calista stepped back half a step, but before he could speak, she quickly interjected. “You once asked me if I would be willing to die with you.”

At that moment, Kallum felt as though his heart had been struck by a massive boulder!

Calista narrowed her eyes at him, a sudden boldness in her demeanor as she chuckled lightly and asked, "If anything happens to me, would you let me down?"

If there was someone willing to accompany you to death, would you let them down?

After she finished speaking, she lowered her head without any hesitation, taking Kallum's still-bleeding finger into her mouth!

She actually dared to touch Kallum's blood!

Anyone with a bit of common sense knew that even without a cut in the mouth, the blood infected with the K Virus could seep through the oral cavity, leading to infection!

Hence, if Calista were to take Kallum's finger into her mouth, the likelihood of her contracting a disease would be a staggering hundred percent!

"No!" Kallum jerked his hand back as if he'd been electrocuted. His movement was so abrupt that a smear of blood stained Calista's lower lip. In the magnification of the camera, it was a startling sight.

Suddenly, Calista let out a wicked laugh. Regardless of Kallum's mood, she turned to gaze at the hundreds, if not thousands, of people below. With a smile, she revealed her blood-stained teeth.

In a tantalizing manner, she slowly swept the trace of blood she detected on her lips into her mouth with the tip of her tongue!

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Kallum took a step back. From the moment Calista took his fingers into her mouth, there was no turning back from that situation!

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Chapter 280 Truth Exposed

Kallum couldn't believe Calista was willing to do that for him.

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"It's common knowledge that once infected with the K Virus, one would suffer from a persistent fever. This fact raised suspicion because that night, everyone who visited the Fairchild family returned home in good health. It was only after they left that symptoms of infection began to appear," said Calista.

At that point, Harvey could no longer utter a word. It was Wayne who broke the silence in a dry tone. "Perhaps... Perhaps... They didn't contract it directly. It could be a chronic infection, so-

Calista waved her hand as though accepting that ludicrous statement. "When I drank Kallum's blood carrier, would you consider that direct contact or a chronic infection?" She laughed provocatively.

Under her somewhat teasing gaze, Wayne gradually fell silent. Actions spoke louder than words! If Calista could drink Kallum's blood without any consequences, then that about proved whether Kallum was infected or not. After all, the most terrifying aspect of the K Virus was its infectiousness.

Seeing everyone fall silent, Calista finally dropped her disdain, her eyes sharpening! Wherever her landed, everyone could only retreat!

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"Is there anyone else who still doubts the Fairchild family? Or will you all say that I've already developed an antidote? Well, I'm flattered by your high regard for me. Rest assured, when I truly develop an antidote for the virus, I will announce it to everyone!" She asked with a biting sarcasm, "So, what's it going to be? Are you planning to leave or stick around to see if I'll come down with a fever later?" She even made a dark joke. "Maybe I'm just putting on a brave face right now."

Many flushed with embarrassment. Even those who tried to hide it couldn't mask their reactions as well as she did.

They had seen the video about the K Virus before. The fever experienced by those infected was a symbol of the virus invading their bodies. If there was no fever, then they weren't infected.

The principle of the K Virus antibody was at play there. If someone were mildly infected and received the antibody injection in time, they would be considered part of the

fortunate one percent should their fever subside post-injection. If not, it indicated that the antibody injection had failed.

Thus, a fever was inevitable, and so it was the most straightforward proof.

The gazes of some bigwigs subtly lingered on Calista, seemingly filled with a hint of anticipation.

For a moment, everyone fell silent.

With a light chuckle, Calista turned to Howard, who was already stunned on one side and spoke. "Do you think your subordinates might have brought a thermometer in their medical kit?"

Howard remained silent. It was the military doctor beside him who reacted, handing her the thermometer. "Yes! There is!"

When he handed it to her, he did so with his head bowed and both hands offering it forward. That invisible show of respect could only mean one thing. At that moment, her vibe was overbearing!

With a slight arch of her brow, Calista nonchalantly took her temperature using an ear thermometer amidst the gaze of the crowd. Without even a glance, she handed it over to Howard.

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Only then did Howard take it as if he was waking from a dream. He glanced at the displayed number, his expression complicated, "Ninety-eight degrees Fahrenheit. She doesn't have a fever"

With that one sentence, the unspoken hopes harbored in everyone's hearts were virtually shattered!)

She didn't have a fever!

Howard let out a long sigh and glanced at her, then at Kallum before he finally spoke,

"It seems what happened today was just a misunderstanding. I will report the situation. As for Harvey, I need him to be handed over to me eventually. Otherwise, I won't be able to explain it to my superiors" After he finished speaking, he promptly left with his group

He knew that Harvey would definitely be asked to stay behind so Kallum had a chance to vent his frustrations.

As soon as Howard left, the atmosphere in the entire hall became incredibly oppressive, almost as if a storm was brewing beneath the surface. Everyone could feel a sense of restlessness in the air!

Aaron was grimacing. There was nothing more agonizing than witnessing imminent success only to face immediate failure. Kallum was not ill at all! Yet, he had been led astray time and time again, acting irrationally. That was indeed the biggest blunder of his life!

Only then did Kallum snap back! He swiftly took the bandage, wrapped up the wound, then moved to Calista's side, holding her tightly in his arms!

At that moment, he was consumed by anxiety, yet he couldn't ask a single question. Deep down in his heart, there lingered a sliver of hopeful optimism.

Thus, his handsome face was taut, and after a long while, he spoke in anger. "Apprehend Harvey!"

At that moment, Harvey was completely silenced, unable to utter a single word as his mouth was covered.

No one dared to question Kallum's actions. After all, wouldn't anyone's mood be soured if they were repeatedly slandered?

Wayne didn't escape, either. He was apprehended and taken away directly, no questions asked about his whereabouts or how he would be dealt with. It had become a private matter of the Fairchild family.

"Gunner," Kallum ordered coldly. "I'm leaving this in your hands. These people are truly getting on my nerves!"

After he finished speaking, he immediately intended to leave with Calista.

The people present were suddenly taken aback! They didn't expect Kallum to say they were getting on his nerves, making them wonder if he resented them because of the incident. If that was the case, it was a severe loss to them indeed!

Upon seeing the situation, many people followed Kallum and shouted out loud.

"Mr. Kallum! I do trust you! I've always trusted you! Please don't be angry!"

"Mr. Kallum, I've always been defending you. I told others that there's no way you're sick!"

