

## Chapter 398 Bad News And Good News

Though Aloys had read the report in advance, he was still anxious. "Lindsey and Merrick seem to be okay. What about you?"

"Leilany and I only have mild symptoms. For the time being, I think nothing serious is happening." Melissa set the report aside, her brow creasing with worry. "But this poison is incredibly potent. If it remains in our bodies for an extended period, it could cause even more severe problems."

"That's precisely what's been gnawing at me."

The atmosphere in the private room suddenly grew tense.

After a brief silence, Aloys spoke with a somber tone. "Melissa, there's good news and bad news. Which one do you want to hear first?"

Upon hearing the question, Melissa was stupefied.

She inferred from his words that a poison this powerful might not have a readily available cure.

Bracing herself, she offered a half-hearted smile.

"Aloys, you know me. I always prefer to face the bad news first."

"Melissa..." Aloys sighed, his amber eyes clouded with guilt.

"I feel responsible. I shouldn't have left you, Lindsey, and Merrick unguarded in Andeport. I should have neutralized any potential threats and those who could harm you before leaving."

"Aloys, don't blame yourself." Melissa shook her head. "You have your own duties and can't always be by our side. Tell me, I'm a doctor and have weathered many storms."

With fists clenched under the table, Aloys spoke slowly. "The bad news is that there's no known antidote for this poison at the moment. If someone ingests it, they will..."

"I understand," said Melissa.

"No." Worried that Melissa might assume the worst, he hurriedly added, "I've dispatched someone to search for an antidote in Vieam. We should hear back shortly. The poison originates from Vieam, so there's a chance we'll find a solution there."

Melissa didn't respond, her mood visibly darkened.

The prestigious medical school she had attended abroad boasted the best biological laboratory in the world. Their findings indicated that the poison was incurable, so the chances of discovering an antidote in Vieam were slim.

Aloys' words were merely a sliver of hope for her.

She had mentally prepared herself, but how could she break this news to Leilany?

Although their symptoms were mild, the long-term presence of toxins in their bodies posed a hidden danger. The eventual consequences and impact remained unknown.

Maintaining a neutral expression, she focused on the person across from her.

"What's the good news?"

"There is a way, but it requires persistence over a long period of time."

Aloys met her gaze, not concealing the compassion in his eyes.

Five years ago, he had saved Melissa. After witnessing her trials and growth, he felt a deep compassion for her.

He couldn't erase the pain she had experienced in the past, but he would do anything to protect her now.

His brow furrowed as he spoke slowly. "I've undergone the same



treatment before. Someone had poisoned me, and there was no antidote. I searched for doctors abroad to save my life, and eventually, I turned to traditional herbal medicine, which gradually restored my health."

Traditional herbal medicine...

Though not always as potent as modern medicine, traditional medicine was known for its miraculous effects.

Melissa's eyes sparkled with renewed hope.

In truth, despite studying modern medicine abroad, she had always been fascinated by traditional medicine. Her mother had taught her about it during her childhood, so she had some familiarity with the subject.

"Alright, Aloys. I think we can try treating this with traditional medicine. But where did you receive the treatment before? It seems there are no traditional medicine experts in Andeport."