

Caliban Cove Study Guide

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Plot Summary

"Caliban Cove" by S. D. Perry is the second novel in the Residence Evil series about zombies originating from research into biological weapons. Shortly after her team is devastated in Raccoon City, eighteen-year-old chemist Rebecca Chambers is recruited for a similar mission in Caliban Cove, ME. Rebecca agrees and is eager to do her part of end Umbrella's atrocious research. "Caliban Cove" is an intriguing but terrifying novel that poses the question of what could happen when insane researchers experiment with viruses designed to be used as biological warfare.

When Rebecca meets David at Barry's house, she learns that S.T.A.R.S. has been bribed or blackmailed by Umbrella. When David asks her to accompany him to an Umbrella facility in Caliban Cove where he suspects similar activities as in Raccoon City, she agrees, eager to do her part. Unfortunately, as Barry's team plans, they are attacked by Umbrella forces led by members of S.T.A.R.S. Barry, Chris, and Jill hide in Brad's cottage, planning to try to find more information, while Rebecca accompanies David to Caliban Cove. At Caliban Cove, Dr. Griffith thinks about his wonderful accomplishment, transforming the T-Virus to steal humans' ability to make decisions, which he plans to release at dawn tomorrow through an airborne pathogen, intending to infect the entire world.

After Rebecca and David join his team, Steve, John, and Karen, the five S.T.A.R.S. set out for Caliban Cove, but they are forced to shore when their raft is overturned by monstrous creatures. In between taking refuge and battling Trisquads, zombie trained with guns, the team solves riddles left by Dr. Ammon, the Caliban Cove researcher that alerted Mr. Trent, the S.T.A.R.S.'s mysterious benefactor, to the situation at the facility. When Karen is infected during Ammon's tests, the team decides to infiltrate the lab in search of a cure; however, Dr. Griffith sends one of his slave doctors to separate the group and take Karen and Steve hostage while he releases the Ma7s, violent and unpredictable creatures, to kill David, Rebecca and John. As Karen succumbs to the virus, Dr. Griffith takes advantage of Steve's distraction to inject him with his "gift". He then sends Steve, now under his control, to shoot John and trap Rebecca and David in the airlock which he intends to flood. Dr. Griffith talks to Rebecca and David, but furious that they do not understand the beauty of his gift, he orders Steve to kill himself.

As David loses all hope, Rebecca worries about Griffith releasing the virus on the world, and when she recalls the grenade that Karen carries for luck, David drops it into the door, killing Griffith and allowing Rebecca and David to swim to the surface where they are retrieved by the Philadelphia S.T.A.R.S. team that Barry contacted. John also manages to escape, and his wounds are tended by a medic while the rest of the Philadelphia S.T.A.R.S. team retrieves the T-Virus canisters from the flooded labs. David falls asleep as he plots to make Umbrella pay for his part in the events that transpired at Caliban Cove. Elsewhere, Mr. Trent agrees to three Umbrella executives' request for a more thorough investigation, but he is uncertain how long he can continue to play this game.



Prologue & Chapter 1

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The Prologue consists of several article clippings from Raccoon City periodicals discussing the Spencer mansion being destroyed in an explosive fire, S.T.A.R.S. being taken off the investigation of 9 local murders and 5 disappearances because of gross incompetence and unprofessional behavior, and finally, the fire at the Spencer mansion being deemed accidental by Umbrella officials.

In Chapter 1, Rebecca Chambers rides her bike through the deserted streets, envying the Raccoon City residents of their peaceful ignorance. Rebecca hurries to the meeting at Barry's house, curious to learn about the new development and hopeful that their team will be extracted from Raccoon City since they fear Umbrella is waiting until the public eye is off S.T.A.R.S. before they make a move. When she reaches Barry's house, she assures him that she was not followed and he leaves her to introduce herself to a strange man sitting in the living room while they wait for Chris and Jill to arrive. The man introduces himself as David Trapp with the Exeter, Maine branch of S.T.A.R.S., but Rebecca's relief that backup has arrived is short-lived as David tells her there will be no investigation and he suspects Umbrella has bribed or blackmailed key members of S.T.A.R.S. Barry returns from the kitchen, and while they wait, he tells Rebecca how he and David met. David thinks of S.T.A.R.S.'s betrayal. He has been in S.T.A.R.S. for 20 years, and his involvement gave him self-worth, purpose and integrity. Focusing on Rebecca, David notes she is obviously qualified to work with the chemical virus if she is still willing to put her life in danger. When Jill and Chris arrive, David explains that after Barry contacted him, he followed up with several offices but was told to remain quiet until official word came down; however, it was implied that S.T.A.R.S. in Raccoon City would be blamed for their problems. David was skeptical when Barry first told him about Umbrella's experiments with the T-Virus, which turned their researchers into mad killers, but he trusts Barry and must assume that members of S.T.A.R.S. are working with Umbrella. Umbrella has made substantial donations to S.T.A.R.S. over the years so they have contacts, leaving the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. with no credibility and no contacts. The group is outraged at what Umbrella has done. David tells them that there is another Umbrella facility on the Maine coast that has also lost control and he plans to take a team in to acquire evidence without S.T.A.R.S. authorization. He asks Rebecca to accompany his team.



Prologue & Chapter 1 Analysis

The Prologue serves to provide a summary of the events that occurred in the first book in this series, alerting the reader to the fact that there is some conflict concerning the events that transpired at the Spencer mansion and that the S.T.A.R.S. are being blamed. Chapter 1 opens with an introduction to Rebecca Chambers, a member of S.T.A.R.S., as she rides her bicycle to her team leader Barry's house and thinks about the events that have recently taken place. She and the rest of her S.T.A.R.S. team escaped treachery and death at the Spencer mansion thirteen days ago only to be scorned and disbelieved as Umbrella covers their tracks. She knew it would not be easy to prove that the respectable medical research and pharmaceutical company was secretly conducting bio-weapons research and creating experimental monsters, but they cannot hide from S.T.A.R.S. so her team just has to watch their backs until the home office sends backup. Rebecca hates being armed because she is a chemist, and she hopes the main office will allow her to move to a lab and study the virus which she finds fascinating as she joined S.T.A.R.S. for just such an opportunity. At Barry's house, David, another main character in this novel, is introduced. David tries to get past Rebecca's youthful appearance as she is only 18 years old because she may be the only scientist they have left. He is furious at the lies and treachery and especially the fact that S.T.A.R.S. is likely involved. David's hopes that Rebecca is still willing to put her life in danger foreshadows his request that she accompany him to Caliban Cove. When Chris and Jill, Rebecca's other teammates, arrive, David explains to them that he suspects S.T.A.R.S. is involved with Umbrella as the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. will not be getting any backup for their situation. He also tells them about another Umbrella facility that seems to have lost control, and he asks Rebecca to accompany him to Caliban Cove, fulfilling the earlier foreshadowing.



Chapter 2

Chapter 2 Summary

Chris is upset that David wants to take Rebecca with him, and David explains that he wants to collect solid evidence on the T-Virus and he knows it will be dangerous. Chris, Barry and Jill insist on going too, but David already plans to take three of his team members. David thinks Chris, Jill and Barry should stay in Raccoon City to learn about Umbrella's connection to the local police and to contact other S.T.A.R.S. that might help. If Rebecca agrees, he and she will leave for Maine tonight and can go in at dusk tomorrow. When David tells them he knows about the lab in Maine thanks to Mr. Trent, Jill is excited at the mention of their mysterious benefactor who told them about the Spencer estate. The team studies the articles David brought as well as the map of Caliban Cove, a small stretch of coast containing several structures built around a lighthouse which is home to Umbrella research. Trent also gave David a list of 7 names, likely Umbrella researchers, and an odd riddle which Jill suggests will relate to what they will find. Rebecca is shocked to find that one of the names is Nicolas Griffith, a brilliant bioscientist rumored to be dead. His presence is a problem because he is supposed to be a genius and totally insane. David scrutinizes Rebecca, wondering if she will change her mind. Rebecca does not want to leave her team, now her family, but nowhere is safe for them and this is her chance to contribute. She cannot deny that she also wants to study the T-Virus. Rebecca tells David that she will do it.

Chapter 2 Analysis

Rebecca's team wants to accompany Rebecca to Caliban Cove, but David already has a team in Maine that plans to investigate the facility. He insists they need to find out who is involved in Umbrella's conspiracy to hid their research and that Umbrella must be stopped, pointing out that Rebecca is the only one with the knowledge to help with the classification of the virus and they each need to do what they are good at. David also thinks that Chris, Jill and Barry will serve their situation better by staying in Raccoon City and trying to learn more about Umbrella's connections. Jill is excited when David tells the group that he learned about Caliban Cove from Mr. Trent, their mysterious benefactor who alerted them to the situation at the Spencer mansion. Wondering why Mr. Trent is helping them fight Umbrella, David recalls the mysterious man who delivered an envelope to his door shortly after Barry called him and informed him about Raccoon City. As the group reviews Mr. Trent's information, Rebecca is unpleasantly surprised to learn that Nicolas Griffith, an ingenious bioscientist rumored to be insane, is involved. She tells the group how Dr. Griffith was fired from his university job for experimenting on students with drug-induced modification in the 1970s. He disappeared, but in the mid-1980s, three men were found in a lab in D. C., infected with Marburg. They were assistants to Dr. Nicolas Dunne and allowed themselves to be infected with what was supposed to be a cold virus that Dr. Dunne wanted to cure. Griffith's mother's maiden name was Dunne. David worries that Rebecca will now

change her mind, but seeing this as her chance to contribute and wanting to study the T-Virus further, Rebecca agrees, foreshadowing her trip to Caliban Cove.



Chapter 3

Chapter 3 Summary

As they strategize, Jill trusts David since Barry does, but she is not as upset by S.T.A.R.S.'s betrayal because she has worked less time for them. Though it will be more difficult without S.T.A.R.S., Jill is determined to make Umbrella pay. Their conversation pauses when they hear something rustling in the bushes outside the open window, and Jill pull Rebecca underneath her as automatic rifle fire shatters the window. Barry and David fire back as they hear the back window break. The two men in the back do not move, obviously waiting for backup or for the S.T.A.R.S. to make a move. Deciding to move to the park next to Barry's house, Jill and Chris lay cover while Barry and Rebecca run upstairs. Gathering Mr. Trent's papers, David instructs Chris and Jill to head upstairs as he fires at the intruders, firing through the door as it explodes under fire. Rebecca and Barry wait upstairs, listening to the fire below. Jill and Chris join them, moving out a window and jumping to the ground where they cover potential attackers until Rebecca and Barry join them. While Rebecca watches the back of the house, she shoots a man coming around the corner; this is the first time she has shot a person. As a rifle fires at her feet, she joins her team as they run into the woods. They stop at the line of trees and notice David is not with them, but when Rebecca notes a stealthily moving shadow and yells watch out, the shadow fires two shots. The shadow drops after a third shot is fired, and silence reigns again. David still points his gun at the shooter, and Chris and Jill are crouched beside Rebecca, but Barry is sprawled in the leaves, unmoving.

Chapter 3 Analysis

Chris and Barry worry about Rebecca leaving because she is young and cute, but Jill worries because she cares about her teammate. Jill and Rebecca are less upset by S.T.A.R.S.'s betrayal than the men since they have worked for the organization for a shorter amount of time, but they are still determined to make Umbrella pay for their actions. David objects to contacting the national media because their story sounds insane without hard evidence. Chris agrees with David that they need to organize some of the other S.T.A.R.S., and he agrees to contact some old friends who may be able to help. David suggests they should work on a small scale for now with Chris, Jill and Barry dropping from sight while they try to uncover more information on Mr. Trent. The rustling in the bushes foreshadows the attack against the group briefly before being fulfilled as the team is forced to organize a plan quickly for escape. Their hasty decision-making and professional behavior during the attack demonstrates the group's abilities. As David covers the others, he hopes that the 10 to 20 seconds before the Umbrella ops realize they are gone will be enough. Once the team escapes the house through an upstairs window, Rebecca covers the backyard and is forced to shoot a man for the first time, foreshadowing the fact that she will need to deal with this. She knew Umbrella wanted them out of the way, but she still cannot believe that these violent strangers tried



to take their lives. Once the group reaches the line of trees in the park, they wait for David, but Rebecca notices a shadow, foreshadowing the attack continuing. The foreshadowing is quickly fulfilled as the shadow fires two shots, but luckily, David fires the third shot, killing the shooter. Rebecca evaluates their situation to find that everyone is fine, except Barry who is sprawled out in the grass.



Chapter 4 & Chapter 5

Chapter 4 & Chapter 5 Summary

In Chapter 4, Barry is stuck in complete and silent darkness for some time, but he regains consciousness to see Jill. Chris and Rebecca's worried faces. Rebecca tends to Barry's wound, but though they need to move, none of their homes are safe now. Barry and David are furious when they realize the shooter was the captain of the Oklahoma S.T.A.R.S.; "Umbrella may have been behind the attack- but the S.T.A.R.S. had carried it out" (p. 55). When David asks where they can go, Barry leads the group to Brad's cottage as it is close and the lease is not up for another month, deciding he will take Umbrella down because his daughters will not grow up in such a world. Happy to reach a safe spot, the group resumes preparations for the mission to Caliban Cove. David is amazed by Rebecca's bravery and happy with his decision to enlist her as she says goodbye to her team and they leave. On the airplane, Rebecca reviews the paperwork on Caliban Cove. She waits to feel guilty for shooting a man, but she only feels relief that she killed him before he killed her or her team.

In Chapter 5, Nicolas Griffith sits at the base of the lighthouse and watches the sun rise over the sea as he has most mornings since the beginning of the experiment. All three of his doctors responded well to the change, and now it is time to concentrate on the final stage of the experiment, their situational behavior. Within a week, he plans to expand beyond the confines of the facility. He will not risk more Trisquads until he is finished, but he is certain that no one is coming as someone would have arrived by now if Dr. Ammon had succeeded. Returning inside, Dr. Griffith recalls how crowded it felt when his colleagues were there. They constantly raved over Birkin's T-Virus, but only Dr. Griffith saw it for what it really was, "a crude but effective platform for something far greater" (p. 71). He has created the answer to the blight that the human race has become. He has synthesized enough of his airborne virus to infect most of North America which will allow the world to be inhabited by a peaceful people of character and will. The three doctors he infected stand where he left them with their eyes closed. This is what the world will soon become. He wonders how they will fare without his guidance since they can think but cannot make decisions; they can function but not without input. Dr. Griffith greets Dr. Athens, Dr. Thurman and Dr. Kinneson. He instructs Dr. Athens to recall the Trisquads from duty. He orders Dr. Thurman to clean himself, but as he looks at Dr. Kinneson, his pride is replaced with a cold emptiness as he wonders if they appreciate what he has done. Dr. Griffith's sanity trembles as he wonders if he is wrong, but he orders Dr. Kinneson to assure him he is right, his fear vanishing and his pride in his accomplishment returning. Dr. Griffith cannot allow stress to affect his mind. He will give his gift to the wind at sunrise tomorrow.



Chapter 4 & Chapter 5 Analysis

Chapter 4 resumes with Barry regaining consciousness; luckily, he is not seriously injured. Barry is furious at the idea that his family could have been injured if he had not sent them away. He is even more distraught when David shows him that the shooter was a member of S.T.A.R.S. that they had both trained with, confirming David's suspicions that S.T.A.R.S. is involved with Umbrella. Looking for somewhere safe, Barry leads the group to the cottage of Brad, a former S.T.A.R.S. member who abandoned his team after the fiasco at the Spencer mansion. After preparing for the Caliban Cove mission, Rebecca bids her team adieu, stunning David with her bravery. During the airplane ride, Rebecca cannot believe how much her life has changed since she graduated college and joined S.T.A.R.S. only three months ago. Foreshadowing is fulfilled when she thinks about the man that she killed, but surprisingly, she does not feel guilty. She is just happy that the man did not kill her or her teammates first. In Maine, David and Rebecca will debrief his team at the home of Karen Driver before they get equipment and go in. Rebecca cannot sleep because she is facing the same nightmare as in Raccoon City only two weeks ago, but this time, she knows what they are going up against. She counts backward from 100, falling into a deep sleep before she reaches 90.

Nicolas Griffith is introduced in Chapter 5 and his appearance combined with the events of this chapter foreshadow and fulfill the foreshadowing that indicates he is the novel's villain. Now that he has finished the blood work on the Leviathan series, he is ready to work more extensively with his doctors. The mention of his doctors foreshadows the discovery of what Dr. Griffith has done which soon becomes evident when he introduces the doctors. This chapter also serves to show that Dr. Griffith's plan is to expand his "gift" beyond the facility, indicating a greater threat than the S.T.A.R.S. are aware of. His belief that someone would have arrived if Dr. Ammon had succeeded shows that he is aware that Dr. Ammon, the researcher who provided Trent with the information that was passed on to David, was trying to get help. Griffith sees his mutation of the T-Virus as an improvement to the human race, and he thinks about the fact that he has created enough to infect most of North America, again foreshadowing the threat that he presents. When Drs. Athens, Thurman and Kinneson are introduced, Griffith's thoughts allow the reader to know that they are effectively slaves who can act but not without directions. This is what Griffith intends to do to the rest of the world. His thoughts of the Trisquads also foreshadows that there is a threat that the S.T.A.R.S. will encounter before meeting Dr. Griffith once they reach Caliban Cove. The Trisquads were infected with the T-Virus, and they are soldiers that kill without mercy, becoming killing machines once trained with weapons. Still, Dr. Griffith worries how long they will be viable with the recent heat wave. Dr. Griffith's mental instability is evident as he doubts his plan, only to restore his pride by ordering Kinneson, a mindless drone, to assure him that he is doing the right thing. Griffith plans to release the airborne virus at dawn the next day, informing the reader that the S.T.A.R.S. only have a day to stop him, though the S.T.A.R.S. are unaware of this information.



Chapter 6

Chapter 6 Summary

At Karen's house, Karen provides Rebecca with clothes, and as Rebecca dresses and joins the team, she realizes it will all be over in a few hours, but she is worried about what will happen in between. David summarizes the previous evening's events and introduces Rebecca to his team: Steve Lopez, John Andrews and Karen Driver. David explains that their objective is to infiltrate the compound and collect evidence, but the group knows the virus could still be infectious. Trying to prepare the team as best as possible, Rebecca shares her knowledge of the virus, warning them against any contact with hosts. David still cannot believe that Umbrella created such a horrid thing, and he worries about his team getting infected. As Karen prepares their weapons in the back of the van, she considers what Mr. Trent's code could mean. Feeling guilty, she checks her vest pocket for the grenade her father gave her from his time in World War II which she always secretly carries for luck. When Rebecca catches her, Karen confides about her good luck charm, and Rebecca promises to keep her secret. The group checks their headsets and collect weapons, moving down to the water, as ready as they will get as the last bit of daylight fades. They slip into the water. The author ends the chapter cryptically, saying, "The truth was waiting. It was time to find out what was really going on" (p. 94).

Chapter 6 Analysis

Rebecca joins David's Exeter team as he briefs them on what happened in Raccoon City and plans for their infiltration of Caliban Cave. Rebecca's tension eases with the team's banter, but she is glad they are taking the mission seriously; still, she worries if that will be enough. She wonders if the virus has mutated, foreshadowing the fact that this is exactly the case due to Griffith's interference, but reassures herself that her second mission will not be her last. Rebecca tries to prepare the team by warning them against coming into contact with any host, and this combined with David's fear that his team could get infected foreshadows the fact that at least one of the S.T.A.R.S. will be infected with the virus while at Caliban Cove. While readying their weapons, Karen is bothered by Trent's code because the facts do not fit how they should, and the unanswered questions are an affront to her careful thought process. While she checks on the grenade she secretly carries for luck, Rebecca catches her with the weapon, foreshadowing the team's need for the grenade much later in the novel. The team prepares and slips into the water, heading toward Caliban Cove, foreshadowing their disastrous trip to the Umbrella facility located on the isolated stretch of coast.



Chapter 7

Chapter 7 Summary

The group is silent as they head north toward the cove, but it is too dark for Rebecca to notice when they enter private territory. She is relieved when they see three people go behind a building, but as Karen suggests they abort, their raft is hit and they are all thrown into the water. David saw the beast and he worries about his team as he struggles to the surface. He tells his team to get to shore, expecting the creature's bite any moment though he cannot see it. Luckily, the entire team manages to escape the beast and get to shore. The group is at the bottom of a short angled drop in plain sight, and worried they have been seen or heard, they rush to the marina for cover. With the building only 10 meters away, David begins to feel hopeful. Pushing the door open, they smell death, and when David lights the halogen torch on his belt, he is appalled to see a corpse nailed to the door with one hand in a welcoming wave. David asks for status and is relieved that no one is injured, and though they lost their headsets and lights, everyone is still armed. David decides their new mission is called "we're getting out of here" (page 105). As they search the building, Steve and John find notes about hiding material and sending data, alerting them that the corpse belongs to Dr. Lyle Ammon. Dr. Ammon's notes also indicate he was sick from drugged food, "he" let the Trisquads out and killed the rest, and a plea to stop "him" and destroy the lab. As they prepare to leave, they hear heavy footsteps approach and stop at the door. David motions for them to move out, but when they open the door, they hear a steady stream of automatic fire rounds from the front and to their left in the direction of their planned escape.

Chapter 7 Analysis

Steve and David sit in the front of the raft, the girls in the middle and John in the back, starting the silent motor. Rebecca's helplessness gives way to hope now that they are actually doing something, taking the offensive instead of waiting for Umbrella to get to them. When they see people on shore, they are ready to abort the mission, but then their raft is hit by a monstrous creature. Fearing for his team, David orders them all to shore, worrying the monster will attack at any moment. As John swims toward David, the monster rises up with tentacles surrounding its toothy mouth, and David yells for John to dive as the beast crashes down, sending a wave that knocks David underwater. When Karen pulls him out of the water, he is relieved to find John on the rocks to his left. Unfortunately, they find themselves in an open area, so they rush to the marina for fear they have been seen or heard, but just as David begins to feel hopeful, they open the door and are affronted with the smell of death. The corpse nailed to the door with one hand positioned in a welcoming wave foreshadows the kind of reception the inhabitants of Caliban Cove intend to give the S.T.A.R.S. Relieved that no one is injured, David decides that his team will leave quickly. First, they search the building, and Rebecca notes that the corpse's pattern of decay is wrong for the T-Virus. Notes indicate that the corpse belongs to Dr. Ammon who was drugged and refers to a



mysterious "he" that needs to be stopped. The group ponders who "he" is and what a Trisquad is, foreshadowing their encounter with both. As they are about to leave Caliban Cove, they hear footsteps outside the boathouse, and when they open the door, they are greeted with fire from the direction of their intended escape, foreshadowing the fact that the team will be forced to stay at Caliban Cove and continue their mission. It also foreshadows the fact that things are about to go horribly wrong for the S.T.A.R.S.



Chapter 8

Chapter 8 Summary

Trapped with both exits blocked. David sends Rebecca to cover the back door and John and Karen to the next building while he and Steve cover. As John and Karen run, Steve screams his frustration that the attackers will not die, so Rebecca tells him to aim for the head, concerned because the other zombies were slow and accidental, not on purpose, not with purpose. David motions Rebecca through the open door, but as the automatic ceases firing, the back door flies open and bullets fly from that direction. Rebecca, Steve and David rush to join John and Karen in the next building before slamming and locking the steel door. Rebecca agrees with David that this does not look like an accident, noting that the bodies should have rotted if they were T-Virus experiment. "Either it's a different virus- or someone's been taking care of them" (p. 115). David points out that their options are to get out or go deeper, but he does not feel comfortable making the call. His team looks thoughtful for a moment, and then, Rebecca and Karen announce that they want to figure this out, and John and Steve agree that they want to nail Umbrella. While John and Karen are sent to check the building and return in 10 minutes, Steve explores the computer while David and Rebecca go through the desk. Dr. Griffith learns there are intruders because he searches for poisons on the mainframe after deciding to euthanize the Ma7s since they are too violent and unpredictable to be freed. He worries they can access the lab since Dr. Ammon's keycard was never found, but he refuses to allow his emotions to take over. Looking at his blank-faced doctors, his virus and the controls for the animal enclosure containing the Ma7s, Dr. Griffith smiles and announces "let them come" (p. 123).

Chapter 8 Analysis

David tries to close the door, but it is held open by the force of the bullet, and with the shooter coming close, they are trapped with both exits blocked. When Steve cannot kill the attackers, Rebecca advises him to aim for the head. Her concern that these zombies are different because they were created on purpose, with purpose, foreshadows her discovery of exactly what is going on at the Caliban Cove facility. The fact that the team at the back of the building does not start firing until the team at the front ceases foreshadows the discovery of why the teams function in this way. Safely moved to the next building, Rebecca cannot believe that Umbrella has found a new application for the T-Virus, but now her team will have to deal with the consequences; they are trapped in Caliban Cove where the creatures have guns. As the group explores the room, David begins to doubt himself because this does not look like an accident after all. Uncomfortable with deciding whether to abort or proceed, David leaves the decision to his team, and when they decide to continue the mission, David is embarrassed because not only did he underestimate their situation, but he underestimated his team. When Rebecca asks what David wants, he tells the team that he wants all of them to survive and make it out of here. The team continues to explore



and search the building. Deciding that they will take Umbrella down, David feels clearer and more balanced than he has in a long time. Dr. Griffith only notes the security breach because of the Ma7s. He spent most of the day in his lab, daydreaming about releasing the virus, but the thought of the Ma7s brought him out of his solitude. Though they are too violent and unpredictable to be released from their cage, he is still responsible for the creation of the Ma7s, so he decided euthanasia was the most reasonable choice, but when he looked up poisons on the mainframe, he discovered his sanctuary had been invaded. Dr. Griffith is shocked and furious, but he will not be stopped. When he realizes the intruder is searching for the lab's location, he is relieved as he realizes the intruder must not be from Umbrella. He assures himself that they cannot access his lab, but when he remembers that Dr. Ammon's access card was never found, he reassures himself that the intruders will not make it past the Trisquads. This thought foreshadows the S.T.A.R.S. finding and using Dr. Ammon's keycard. Dr. Griffith feels his control slipping, but he cannot let his emotions take over because he needs to think. Thinking of his circumstances, he decides he has nothing to fear from the intruders since he has control of the doctors, the virus and the Ma7s if the intruders actually make it past the Trisquads.



Chapter 9

Chapter 9 Summary

As Steve tries to learn about the blue series that Dr. Ammon mentioned in his note, a riddle pops up on the screen, but before he can solve it, John and Karen return with a half sheet of paper containing notes about the Trisquads they found stuck in the otherwise bare offices. It explains that Team B will not be engaged until Team A is complete. Rebecca begins to suspect the Caliban Cove researchers have done something different to the T-Virus since the hosts take longer to fall apart than those in Raccoon City. When Karen solves the riddle, the blue series is activated, and Rebecca is excited that they have something solid to go on now. Redrawing their map of the facility, David sends John and Karen to Block D while he, Rebecca and Steve go to Block A, but he intends to join John and Karen after testing. Rebecca reminds everyone to be careful what they touch because the Trisquads are obviously carriers of the virus. As David signals and opens the door, nothing moves, and he is relieved that John and Karen's destination is only 20 meters in front of them. David, Rebecca and Steve rush toward Building A, but the repulsive smell is stronger here than it was in the boathouse. There is no way to tell how many bodies comprise the pile in the corner as the flesh is melting into each other. The three of them run to the far door and enter a windowless corridor. They have obviously found Caliban Cove's Umbrella workers, and David decides to shoot "him" without questions if they find him. Waiting a minute after the others leave, John teases Karen, trying to lighten her up before opening the door and running to Building C where he finds the door locked. He motions for Karen to wait as he searches for and finds another door, but as he opens it, bullets are fired at his feet as three Trisquad members come from the boathouse. John fires back, noticing that there are two more behind him with rifles, but reminding himself that Team B will not engage until Team A finishes, he shoots the Team A members in the heads, telling Karen to leave the one whose spasms cause continuous fire so that Team B will not engage. Karen rushes across the yard and joins John in the building. John cannot process the fact that he just killed two dead men, but Karen resumes their banter until John's mind clears and they both laugh.

Chapter 9 Analysis

When Steve asks the computer about the "blue series", one of Dr. Ammon's keywords, it provides him with analysis on some sort of IQ test. The room and the computer contain no information about the T-Virus or facility maps. When Steve continues reading about the red and green series, the screen freezes and displays a riddle: "the man who makes it doesn't need it. The man who buys it doesn't want it. The man who uses it doesn't know it" (p. 126). John and Karen return to inform the group that the other rooms in the building were cleaned and locked, but they found a half sheet of paper stuck in a filing cabinet drawer about a Trisquad attack observation that notes Team B will not engage until Team A is complete, explaining why the team at the back of the boathouse did not



fire until the team at the front stopped and fulfilling that foreshadowing. Rebecca dislikes the fact that Umbrella is still experimenting on humans, but the timeline in the notes indicate that these hosts took longer to fall apart than those in Raccoon City, and she worries about what the Caliban Cove researchers may have done to the T-Virus, foreshadowing the discovery of what Dr. Griffith has done. Returning to the riddle on the screen, Karen solves it, and when Steve types in "coffin", the blue series is activated. Rebecca is excited that Dr. Ammon's message actually means something now, and she is sure they can do this since they have something solid. The team redraws the map of the facility and plots their route, but Rebecca's excitement dwindles at the thought of leaving the building's safety to return to the open where the Trisquads will be waiting. After arming, David sends Rebecca, Steve and himself to the building on the left while John and Karen will go straight across, secure the building, find the test and wait for David to join them. Rebecca's warning for no one to touch anything foreshadows one of her teammates getting infected by the virus. When David, Rebecca and Steve arrive in Block A, they find the remaining Caliban Cove workers, causing David to feel boundless animosity toward the "him" who caused this atrocity. Meanwhile, John and Karen continue to Block D, and John tries to cheer Karen up by joking about their horrible situation, showing their camaraderie and the fact that he cares for her. Both parts of the team reach their destinations safely, foreshadowing the fact that there are worse deaths than by the fire of a Trisquad.



Chapter 10

Chapter 10 Summary

Reaching the test area, David explores the test room while Rebecca and Steve investigate the offices. Rebecca finds Tom Athens' journal which mentions Dr. Griffith's interest in the others' experiments, reinforcing Rebecca's suspicion that Dr. Griffith is responsible for what they have found, but it also mentions that the T-Virus was stored in and that the transformations occurred in Block D, where Karen and John are searching. Rushing to tell David, Rebecca hopes that Karen and John do not touch anything that could hurt them. In the blue series area of the test room, David finds a chess set on a table. There is a metal plaque set into the table's surface with numbers which Dave realizes are code for the alphabet. When he figures out the code, the message is "Rex marks the spot", and since Rex is the Latin word for king, he touches the white king which swivels to face the back of the board as soft music chimes from an overhead speaker. His fear that the researchers planned to create something more intelligent than the Trisquads is short-lived as Rebecca and Steve tell him about the journal and Block D, causing David to rush to Block D as he unsuccessfully tries to assure himself that Karen and John are being careful and will be safe. Karen and John wait for David in a bright corridor at the center of Block D. After securing the building, they went in search of Room 101 which was marked with a biohazard symbol. John argued against entering a possibly contaminated environment, but Karen insisted they would be alright since neither of them have abrasions. The room contained a typical lab, but the differences were dramatic, such as the bloody restraints, the man-sized cage and the poles attached to hypodermic needles like what is used to sedate wild animals. It is a bad place, and both John and Karen are affected by the realization of what happened here. The door opens, and David shouts for John and Karen, and when he reaches them, he tells them about the journal. They already figured out that this is where the Trisquads were infected, but they are fine because they have no cuts. As John and Karen lead David to room 101, Karen begins to get a headache, but she only gets headaches when she is getting sick. Figuring she is getting a cold from their swim, Karen guesses it will be a nasty one based on the headache that is forming.

Chapter 10 Analysis

As they move farther from the smell, Rebecca thinks of Nicholas Griffith, unable to shake the feeling that he is responsible and foreshadowing her discovery that this is true. They follow the corridor past barren rooms, coming to a door marked A 1-4 with red, green and blue triangles under the numbers. David opens the door to reveal a hallway with two doors, and he enters the one with the triangles on the door while Rebecca and Steve check out the other stuffy room. While searching the shelves and drawers, they flirt a bit as there seems to be a mutual attraction between them, but Rebecca reminds herself that this is the worst time and place. While looking through the books, Rebecca comes upon Tom Athens' journal. The last entry is from July 18 and



discusses adding a new scenario to the Trisquad program, chemicals missing from a refrigerator in block D and excitement that Dr. Griffith has finally taken interest in what the rest of them are doing. Rebecca no longer has any doubt that Dr. Griffith killed the others, but when Steve realizes that John and Karen are in Block D where there is enough of the T-Virus to infect the entire compound, they rush to tell David, hoping Karen and John do not find room 101, or if they do, that they do not touch anything that could hurt them. The test room is large, and as David walks to test 4 in the far right corner, he hears the hum of power. The series is activated as promised, and he is eager to find out what is hidden and get away from Caliban Cove. He plans to gather the evidence and let the Feds handle the rest. Test 4 consists of a table, chair, paper, pencil and a chess set. After completing the test, David realizes that the researchers must have intended to create something more intelligent than the Trisquads, but he does not have time to ponder the unsettling thought as Rebecca and Steve burst into the room and tell him about the journal and Block D. Dave tries to reassure himself that Karen and John will be careful as he rushes to Block D, but his reassurances do not ease the knot in his stomach. His fear foreshadows Karen's infection. Karen and John are both disturbed after seeing the lab in Room 101 because it made them realize what exactly occurred in Block D, the infection of people and the creation of the zombies. John's discomfort with entering a potentially contaminated environment foreshadows Karen's infection since she is the one who insists on entering. She could not let the opportunity pass; she had to see what was behind the closed door. Karen and John are both unusually subdued, probably a result of seeing the test room filled with syringes, surgical equipment and gurneys fitted with bloody restraints. When David joins them and tells them about the journal, they assure him that they are fine. David is relieved because he had the worst feeling on the way here. Karen's impending headache and her suspicion that she is coming down with a nasty cold foreshadows the realization of her infection.



Chapter 11

Chapter 11 Summary

After sending Dr. Athens away with instructions, Dr. Griffith prepares his syringes and hides, worrying his plans will all fall through, but should that happen, he will kill the intruders himself because he has come too far and accomplished too much to allow anyone to stop him now. He then recalls taking the compound over. Griffith killed the other researchers except for Athens, Kinneson and Thurman who he infected with his gift, and though Ammon managed to hide for a while, Griffith found and killed him also. Pacing restlessly, Dr. Griffith assures himself "they won't stop me. It's mine" (p. 159). After David completes the test in Block D, he notices Karen's right eye is bloodshot, but she assures him it is just irritated. They head back to rejoin Rebecca and Steve. Meanwhile, Rebecca continues to read Athens' journal, learning that Dr. Griffith sped up the time it took for the virus to spread through the host, that there are only 12 Trisquads on the facility and that the Ma7s are a T-Virus experiment that did not work. Bothered by Athens' callous reference to the humans he experimented on as "units," Steve does not understand how these people could have done this, but Rebecca explains that it is easy to get lost in a single element, and the ambition to pursue that element can make everything else seem unimportant, especially if the researcher was unstable to begin with. When David calls to them, they are anxious to learn if Steve and Karen are alright, and they are relieved when they hear John's voice.

Chapter 11 Analysis

After preparing his syringes and deciding he will kill the intruders if his plans fail, Dr. Griffith thinks about taking the compound over. Griffith's self-righteousness regarding his insane plan to rob humans of their free will and decision-making abilities demonstrates the fact that he is insane. He planned for two weeks after realizing what needed to be done. He researched the Trisquads, learned his colleagues' routines and habits, and stole tranquilizers. The night before he would execute his plan, he invited Dr. Athens to dinner, fed him laced coffee and told him about a new strain he had created, allowing Dr. Athens to be the first to experience his "miracle" (p. 157). Dr. Griffith told Athens that all other voices would be meaningless babble, and it worked. Dr. Griffith was proud of his success since he would have aborted his takeover if the experiment had failed. The next day, he chose Dr. Thurman and Dr. Kinneson to dispose of the workers' bodies after he drugged them. Only Lyle Ammon managed to hide out for a while, but the Trisquads found and killed him that evening. Griffith's continued worry and possessive attitude foreshadows his treacherous plots against the S.T.A.R.S. intruders. David lays the colored tiles out in a rainbow, realizing there are three violets instead of one, but the tiles are all lettered, so John figures out the letters stand for the months of the year. When David adds the correct tile to the sequence, a chime plays from the speaker. Announcing that it is time to check on Rebecca and Steve, David notices that Karen's right eye is bloodshot, but she assures him that she just irritated it somehow, showing



her denial and foreshadowing the discovery that she has contracted the T-Virus. As they exit the building, David feels certain that whatever is going to happen is already happening, but he does not feel any comfort in the knowledge that they cannot go back or avoid what lies ahead. The test room is quiet as Rebecca reads Athens' journal. She is excited as she reads about waiting for feedback on the expansion since Dr. Griffith revved up amp time, meaning he sped up the time it took for the virus to spread through the host. The journal also informs her that Athens did not believe they could concentrate on more than 12 Trisquads at once, ironically answering David's recent question. Steve is dismayed because that means there are still a few Trisquads roaming about. The journal does not say much about the Ma7s except that they are a T-Virus experiment that did not work. Athens refers to the T-Virus victims as "units" as if he is unable to acknowledge the fact that he is experimenting on humans. Steve cannot understand how these people could do such a thing, showing that he is much more moral than the Caliban Cove researchers. When they hear David call out, they hold hands as they anxiously wait to see if John and Karen are alright, but when John yells for them to get their clothes on, Rebecca's face shows a wistful expression as she drops Steve's hand. Steve acknowledges their priorities also, deciding nothing more can happen until they escape Caliban Cove. They wait for the others to arrive.



Chapter 12

Chapter 12 Summary

David recaps their situation, suggesting they should not try to find Dr. Griffith though it seems likely that he is alive. He hopes that the material Dr. Ammon hid will be enough to formally charge Umbrella with criminal activity, but though he would like to find more hard evidence of Umbrella's involvement, he leaves the decision up to his team, seeming almost apologetic about his desire to continue. The team wants to continue. They move to the test table, and a riddle appears on the computer. After the group solves the riddle, the computer turns off and the chime sounds. Rebecca uses a flashlight to check Karen's eye, but when she asks if it started before or after Karen found Room 101, Karen realizes the virus could get into her body through her eyes, struggling to maintain her composure as she asks Rebecca how long she has if she is infected. David is furious and blames himself, and when John suggests there could be a vaccine, Rebecca says it is probable but will likely be kept in the main lab. The group organizes because it is time to move. At the front door, they draw weapons, and though John can tell David is blaming himself, he does not know how to comfort his team lead. When M-16s fire at the group outside, John focuses his anger and fear at the attackers trying to stop them from saving Karen, screaming as he charges at them and firing until his gun clicks empty, leaving only one alive which David quickly dispatches. As the group jogs to Block E, John swears vengeance against Dr. Griffith for his part in the virus that is killing Karen.

Chapter 12 Analysis

Rebecca is embarrassed as John teases Steve about needing a chaperone, but David interrupts to update the group. He is relieved when Rebecca informs him that, according to Athens' journal, there are only 4 Trisquads since that means there is only 1 left. After recapping their situation, David lets his team decide whether or not to continue their mission yet again, and yet again, his team decides to continue, paralleling their earlier decision. The entire team wants to continue for various reasons, but Karen's voice sounds strange, and David admits that he has a feeling that something bad is going to happen. After the team solves the newest riddle, Rebecca examines Karen and begins to suspect that Karen has been infected. Furious, the team decides to infiltrate the lab and retrieve the vaccine if one was created, foreshadowing their encounter with Dr. Griffith and the horrors that await them in the lighthouse. As they jog to the front of the building, John is furious, deciding to kill the guy responsible, but he is sure a virus will not take Karen down. When the Trisquads attack them outside, John attacks the monsters furiously, hating them for trying to prevent them from helping Karen. He looks at the rotting garbage with a gun and a mission it cannot understand that was once a man, and as the rest of his team joins him, David fires into the monster's head as John silently pleads for Karen not to die. There are no more Trisquads left, but the virus that

created them now lives in Karen. John speeds up, swearing that Dr. Griffith will be sorry if they find him, foreshadowing Dr. Griffith's demise.



Chapter 13

Chapter 13 Summary

In Block E, Rebecca worries about Karen, fearing that this mutation of the T-Virus may transform her very quickly. After David completes the blue series, he is awarded with a keycard that will grant them access to the lighthouse. Steve suggests that the lab is likely in the lighthouse, so John urges the team to the lighthouse. Rebecca almost hopes they find Dr. Griffith so that John can tear him apart. Deciding Karen deserves to know, Rebecca tells Karen that the virus may spread faster than normal so they need to know about any physical or psychological changes. Karen asks them not to let her hurt anyone, and awed by her bravery, Rebecca assures her they will find a cure, hoping she is not lying. David is torn up by guilt as he leads his team up the sharp incline toward the lighthouse. He is filled with self-doubt at his competence and wishes he had been infected instead of Karen, but reaching the lighthouse, he is filled with a sense of impending doom. As his internal voice tells him it is not safe, David realizes his problem is that he stopped trusting his instincts. Listening to that voice, he tells the others that he believes it is a trap and arranges the team to fight anything that exits the building; maybe they cannot deny destiny, but they will not give up without a fight because they owe that much to Karen and to themselves. Watching the others move into position, Karen knows she is getting sicker fast, but she is not as scared as she was. She tries to focus on the action in front of her as David and John leap into the blackness of the lighthouse and a M-16 fires from inside. She is happy when her teammates return, but they look strange, and Karen begins to wonder what is happening to her. Fearing they will leave her, she warns David that it is getting worse and she is not thinking right. As John and Steve lead Karen past the body inside, that face makes sense to her, but she wonders why her friend's faces look so strange and why they smell so hot and good.

Chapter 13 Analysis

Block E looks the same as the others and when the group finds the room with the final clue to Dr. Ammon's secret, Rebecca is filled with the need to find the lab and help Karen. She watches for signs that the virus has progressed, having no doubt that Karen has been exposed, but she does not want to warn Karen that it could only take hours because she knows little about the T-Virus, especially this mutation. When David pushes a blue button, a recording announces "Blue series completed. Access reward" (page 184), and a tile moves to reveal a recess in the wall. Rebecca is furious and disgusted at Umbrella for setting up tests to dole out rewards to their victims. This reward is a keycard with a note in Dr. Ammon's handwriting indicating it will give them access to the lighthouse. Eager to save Karen, John urges his team on, reinforcing the apparent fact that John cares deeply for Karen. Warning Karen that they need to know about any changes because the virus may spread very fast, Rebecca is amazed by Karen's bravery when Karen's only concern is that they do not allow her to hurt anyone. This demonstrates Karen's bravery, but the reader's access to her mind up to this point



compared to after this point serves to show the progression of the disease. Once they reach the lighthouse, David realizes that his problem is that he is so guilt-ridden that he has stopped trusting his instincts. Now, though he knows the lighthouse is not safe, he prepares his team to go on the defensive, refusing to give up without a fight. The chapter ends with Karen watching the battle as she acknowledges that she is getting sicker quickly. Her thought patterns are strange compared with earlier in the novel, showing the progression of the disease. The fact that the virus has nearly consumed Karen is evidenced by the fact that she sees her friends' faces as strange and notes that they smell hot and good.



Chapter 14

Chapter 14 Summary

Knowing Athens has failed, Dr. Griffith curses Dr. Ammon, sure he was the one who contacted the intruders since they have his key. Telling himself not to panic, he sends Dr. Kinneson with a hidden pistol and responses to questions that he suspects they will ask. Though he knows the whole scenario is risky, Dr. Griffith assures himself that "the righteousness of his work would see him through this invasion" (page 195). Karen is still able to walk and understand some of what her teammates say, but Rebecca fears it will be too late even if they manage to find the cure. She believes they will lose Karen within an hour and worries about John and Steve being so close as she could easily bite one of them. As they reach a large cavern opening into five smaller tunnels, all hope for Karen dies, but when they hear footsteps from one tunnel, they grab weapons and point at the man in a lab coat who appears and looks at them with hysterical joy as he explains Dr. Thurman has gone mad and begs for their help, telling them they can use a boat to escape. Introducing himself, Dr. Kinneson explains he was locked in the lab but managed to escape. David believes this is their chance to find the lab and convince Thurman to give them the cure, but Rebecca does not look as enthused, and she points out that they cannot take Karen to the lab. Deciding to divide his team, David sends Steve and Karen to the boat with Kinneson, telling Steve to watch Kinneson carefully, while he, Rebecca and John start down the middle passageway with weapons in hand. Trying to catch up with Kinneson who is fairly far ahead, Steve rounds a corner to find Kinneson pointing a semi-automatic with blank, lifeless eyes as he demands they follow him to the lab or be shot. When Kinneson aims at Karen's head, Steve has to protect her for as long as he can, though he knows there is a good chance she will lose against the virus, so he follows Kinneson toward the lab. Dr. Griffith knows that if things went according to plan, the intruders will have split up with some mistakenly heading for the Ma7 pen while the others are accompanying Kinneson to the lab. He releases the Ma7s from their enclosure, uncaring if the plan failed as long as the intruders die.

Chapter 14 Analysis

Dr. Griffith rightly blames Dr. Ammon for the intruders' appearance, but he quickly formulates a new plan, sending Dr. Kinneson with a hidden pistol and prepared responses, foreshadowing his intent to have Kinneson pass as a human in his encounter with the S.T.A.R.S. Again, Griffith comforts himself with his assured success because of the righteousness of his work, showing himself to be a crazed zealot. Karen's odd wording and minimal speech indicates her infection is worsening, foreshadowing the moment when it overcomes her completely. Rebecca's fear that Karen is close enough to bite Steve or John also foreshadows Karen's attack once she transforms completely. As the group reaches the cavern and loses hopes, foreshadowing is fulfilled when Dr. Kinneson arrives and feeds them a story about Dr. Thurman being insane and how he can help them escape. Rebecca is hesitant to take



Karen to the lab, so the group splits up with Steve and Karen following Kinneson while Rebecca, John and David search for the lab. Kinneson soon takes Steve and Karen hostage, and Steve reveals his dedication to his team when he refuses to sacrifice Karen to save himself, though he knows she will likely die soon from the virus. The novel returns to Dr. Griffith whose success seems imminent as his goal was to separate the group, and his release of the Ma7s foreshadows David, Rebecca, and John's encounter with the violent beasts.



Chapter 15 & Chapter 16

Chapter 15 & Chapter 16 Summary

As they continue along the seemingly unending tunnel in Chapter 15, Rebecca fears they have been misled and sent into a trap, but just as David suggests they should turn around, a "clank!" is accompanied by a terrible moaning sound. David, Rebecca and John run down the tunnel, but realizing they will be overtaken, they turn and fire at David's instructions, taking down two clawed monsters. Nothing else moves, but there are at least two more monsters around the corner that seem to be waiting. They edge backward slowly, still aiming in the creatures' direction. When Dr. Kinneson brings Steve and Karen to Dr. Griffith, Griffith decides Steve will replace Athens, and as soon as he orders Thurman to grab Karen before she can damage Steve, Karen attacks Thurman. While Steve is distracted, Griffith injects his syringe into Steve's arm so that Steve will belong to him before the rest of his team comes searching. Since the monsters refuse to charge until they turn around, at David's orders, Rebecca turns and runs when they reach the cavern as David and John flank the tunnel entrance and kill the monsters. They then run down the tunnel Kinneson led Steve and Karen into as John begs for Karen to be okay, willing to sacrifice anything if she only lives and gets better. Rounding a corner, the group sees Steve leaning against an open set of doors, and though John tries to deny the terrible emptiness in Steve's eyes, his heart fills with loss. Steve announces that Karen is dead before turning and entering the open room.

In Chapter 16, Rebecca, John and David are devastated that they found the lab too late to save Karen, but wondering about Kinneson and Thurman, Rebecca frowns as they enter an underwater lab and see a blood pool ending in a sliding smear into an airlock chamber. Once they enter the room, the door shuts behind them to reveal Dr. Kinneson standing with a weapon drawn and his face expressionless. Rebecca is confused when Steve orders them to drop their weapons as he also points a gun at them. Demanding to know what Kinneson did to Steve, John kills Kinneson, causing Steve to shoot John in the back before aiming his gun at Rebecca and ordering her and David to drop their weapons. They disarm and step back, shocked to see the mask of a zombie on Steve's face. Rebecca recognizes Dr. Griffith immediately when he appears, but when he orders Steve to lock Rebecca and David in the airlock, she praises his work, stalling for time. When Griffith brags that he has synthesized peace and will infect the entire world to make the world free again, David calls him insane. Infuriated, Griffith orders Steve to lock them in the airlock, deciding to punish them by denying them his gift. Rebecca and David are trapped in the airlock, unable to do anything to stop Griffith from infecting the world with his version of the T-Virus.

Chapter 15 & Chapter 16 Analysis

In Chapter 15, Rebecca's fear that they are being led to a trap foreshadows the discovery that this is the case and also shows her astute intuition. Unfortunately, just as



they decide to turn around, the Ma7s are released, so they run away. Once they realize they will be overtaken, they turn and kill several of the monsters, but the other monsters show disconcerting awareness when they do not attack, waiting for the team to turn around. When Dr. Kinneson returns with the young man and woman, Dr. Griffith is sure they will not be a problem. The young man is strong and will nicely replace Dr. Athens, but he is not as frightened as Griffith would like. After introducing himself, Dr. Griffith notes the hunger in the woman's eyes and orders Thurman to grab her before she can damage the fine male specimen. As Dr. Thurman takes Karen away from Steve, Karen bites Thurman's face, and appalled, Steve does not struggle as Kinneson grabs him. Griffith cannot continue watching the spectacle because he needs to ensure that Steve is his bright young man in case the other intruders defeat the Ma7s and come looking, so he jams his syringe into Steve's arm, assuring him he will not feel a thing in just a moment. Karen's transformation fulfills the earlier foreshadowing, and Steve's infection foreshadows him being forced to turn against the remainder of his team. As Rebecca, David and John back toward the chamber, John wishes the monsters would charge because he is worried about Steve and Karen, but the monsters are obviously waiting for them to turn around. As they reach the cavern, Rebecca runs, acting as bait, while David and John kill the monsters. They then run after Steve and Karen, hoping for the best, but when they see the emptiness in Steve's eyes, they mistake it as grief because he was forced to kill Karen; in reality, the emptiness comes from Steve transitioning into one of Griffith's slaves. They follow Steve into the room, foreshadowing the culmination of Griffith's treacherous plans.

In Chapter 16, Rebecca wonders about Kinneson and Thurman, despite her grief for Karen, showing that she is still capable of thinking through her sorrow. She is also uncomfortable with their entrance into an underwater lab, and the fact that Karen has been dragged into an airlock chamber foreshadows Griffith's plans for the rest of the team. Rebecca, David, and John are distraught and confused when Steve pulls his weapon against them and orders them to drop their weapons. Enraged, John attacks Kinneson, causing Steve to shoot him. They are all shocked to realize that Steve has become a zombie. Rebecca is especially horrified at the idea of a zombie that can walk and talk like a man. Steve turning against his team also fulfills the earlier foreshadowing. When a man appears and reiterates his instructions to Steve to shoot Rebecca or David if they move, Rebecca knows it is Dr. Griffith, and she greets him, mentioning that she has heard of him. Dr. Griffith claims she will never be able to tell anyone about making his acquaintance because he will order Steve to kill them because they have held him up for so long. When he orders them into the airlock, Rebecca starts talking fast, discussing the T-Virus and asking if this is a mutagen with instantaneous membrane fusion. Intrigued, Dr. Griffith asks what she knows about membrane fusion, and Rebecca fawns that he has perfected it. Griffith brags about his work, claiming he has synthesized peace and has enough of his strain to infect a billion people in less than a day which is the answer for the horrid race that humans have become and will make the world free again. Enraged, David tells Griffith he is insane, but Dr. Griffith decides to punish David and Rebecca by killing them so they cannot enjoy his peaceful gift, demonstrating his insanity and self-righteousness. He orders them into the airlock, commanding Steve to shoot them if they refuse. Unable to reach

their weapons, David and Rebecca step into the airlock, knowing they need to do something or Griffith will infect the entire world. Steve locks them in; they are trapped.



Chapter 17, Chapter 18 & Epilogue

Chapter 17, Chapter 18 & Epilogue Summary

In Chapter 17, Dr. Griffith is so furious that David and Rebecca do not understand the beauty of his plan that he orders Steve to put the gun to his face and die. As Steve raises the weapon, Rebecca bangs on the door, but the shot cuts off her screams; she tries to tell herself that Steve was already dead, but she is filled with hate for the first time and wants to kill Griffith who beams at them through the window. Griffith pushes a button, causing water to flood into the airlock, and with less than a minute, Rebecca tries to think of something to do. She turns to David who stares at her in defeat and apologizes for being selfish, but when she reminds him that millions of people will die if Dr. Griffith releases the virus, his eyes sharpen as he evaluates their situation before shaking his head in resigned frustration and telling Rebecca it is "just your luck to meet me" (page 230). As he speaks, Karen's body floats by, brushing Rebecca whose heart stops mid-beat before she reaches under Karen's vest and extracts the grenade, explaining to David that Karen carried it for luck. Planning to pull the pin when the outer door pops and get in the cage, David knows they will probably still die, but he hopes to at least kill Dr. Griffith also. Griffith thinks about getting his heavy canisters upstairs by dawn, alone, as he watches David and Rebecca struggle for their last breaths. As the outer door unlatches, they scramble into the cage and drop something small past the window before slamming the door. Dr. Griffith barely has time to register disbelief before the explosion takes his breath away.

In Chapter 18, Rebecca is consumed by terror when the grenade explodes, and she kicks until the dark shadows start to swallow her. Then she emerges from the water, gasping air greedily. David calls to her, but she dives under water as a boat fires depth charges, causing a column to collapse over her. Captain Blake of the Philadelphia S.T.A.R.S. identifies himself and tells them that Barry sent him. Rebecca is relieved when he promises to extract them from the dangerous waters, but then she hears a choking groan behind her. Totally alone in the darkness and pain, John knows he must find an end to the darkness quickly, and just as he is ready to stop fighting, the light finds him and the pain beats him back to consciousness, and he moans before passing out again. John regains consciousness to find himself beneath a man in a S.T.A.R.S. vest administering a needle. David and Rebecca tell him it is over and it will be okay, and he responds that they look horrible before passing out again. After the S.T.A.R.S. medic pronounces that John is in stable condition and will make a full recovery, David weeps in relief. He and Rebecca huddle in the back of the boat as Blake and his team retrieve Griffith's tanks. David is surprised that he is not as hurt as he expected by Karen and Steve's deaths; thinking of what they managed to stop lets him know it was not all meaningless and Steve and Karen would be proud. Considering the role Umbrella played by giving Dr. Griffith access to the T-Virus, he decides that they will definitely be held accountable for their actions soon. Letting go of his thoughts, David is tired and content not to think for now. When Blake announces that the water is clean around dawn, David and Rebecca are already fast asleep. In the Epilogue, Mr. Trent



watches the three Umbrella executives discussing the ramifications of things in Raccoon City and Caliban Cove getting out of hand. When they appeal to Trent concerning the need to conduct a more thorough investigation into matters, he agrees to get back to them, walking out of the room as intimidating and precise as they expect and want him to be. However, he also wonders once he is inside, how much longer the game can continue.

Chapter 17, Chapter 18 & Epilogue Analysis

In Chapter 17, Griffith takes his outrage out on Steve, ordering Steve to kill himself. Rebecca is distraught, even as she tries to tell herself that Steve was already dead since he was infected with the virus. She tries to come up with a plan when Griffith pushes a button and water fills the chamber, but David's defeated look forces her to remind him that they still need to try to stop Griffith or millions of people will die. Hope quickly squashed, David tells Rebecca she had bad luck in meeting him, but ironically, Karen's body brushes up against Rebecca at that exact moment, reminding her of the grenade. David decides to pull the pin once the outer door pops; it will give him and Rebecca a very small chance of survival, but it is their only chance to kill Dr. Griffith and save the millions he plans to affect with the virus. Dr. Griffith callously watches David and Rebecca as he continues planning the release of his "gift". He is shocked when they drop a grenade past the window, but he has no time to do anything before the explosion kills him. Thus, David and Rebecca manage to save the world from Dr. Griffith's nefarious intentions.

In Chapter 18, it seems likely that Rebecca and David will also die, but surprisingly, they manage to swim to the surface. Ironically, they are immediately bombarded by debris as a boat fires depth charges, but they are relieved to learn the boat carries S.T.A.R.S. members who were sent by Barry to rescue them. Even more surprising than Rebecca and David's survival is John's survival. Just as he is ready to give up, he breaks the surface. He feels life might be worth living after all when he hears David's voice, but his attempt to call out only yields a moan before he returns to the darkness. David and Rebecca are relieved that John is in stable condition, and though David mourns for Steve and Karen, he is grateful that his team managed to stop Dr. Griffith and knows that Steve and Karen would be proud of their sacrifice. David plots revenge against Umbrella for their part in Dr. Griffith's insanity before falling to sleep. The Epilogue ends with Mr. Trent in a meeting with three men who are obviously Umbrella executives. The situation provides the reader with the information that Trent is somehow involved with Umbrella, but he is feeding the S.T.A.R.S. information about their facilities that experiment with the T-Virus because he does not approve of their actions, hence his worry about how much longer the game can continue.



Characters

Rebecca Chambers

Rebecca Chambers is an eighteen-year-old chemist who is a member of the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. She is 5'3" and very attractive. Her youth and femininity make her male teammates protective of her. Rebecca is a survivor of the Spencer mansion incident, her first mission with S.T.A.R.S. When Rebecca meets David at Barry's house, she learns that S.T.A.R.S. has been bribed or blackmailed by Umbrella, and when David asks her to accompany him to an Umbrella facility in Caliban Cove where he suspects similar activities as in Raccoon City, she agrees, eager to do her part. Unfortunately, as Barry's team plans, they are attacked by Umbrella forces led by members of S.T.A.R.S. Barry, Chris and Jill hide in Brad's cottage, planning to try to find more information, while Rebecca accompanies David to Caliban Cove.

After Rebecca and David join his team, Steve, John and Karen, the five S.T.A.R.S. set out for Caliban Cove, but they are forced to shore when their raft is overturned by monstrous creatures. In between taking refuge and battling Trisquads, zombie trained with guns, the team solves riddles left by Dr. Ammon, the Caliban Cove researcher that alerted Mr. Trent, the S.T.A.R.S.'s mysterious benefactor, to the situation at the facility. When Karen is infected during Ammon's tests, the team decides to infiltrate the lab in search of a cure; however, Dr. Griffith sends one of his slave doctors to separate the group and take Karen and Steve hostage while he releases the Ma7s, violent and unpredictable creatures, to kill David, Rebecca and John. After infecting Steve, Dr. Griffith sends him to shoot John and trap Rebecca and David in the airlock which he intends to flood. Dr. Griffith talks to Rebecca and David and is furious they do not understand the beauty of his "gift". As David loses all hope, Rebecca worries about Griffith releasing the virus on the world, and when she recalls the grenade that Karen carries for luck, David drops it into the door, killing Griffith and allowing Rebecca and David to swim to the surface where they are retrieved by the Philadelphia S.T.A.R.S. team that Barry contacted. Rebecca sleeps on the boat after she along with David and John are pulled out of the water.

David Trapp

David Trapp is the S.T.A.R.S. Exeter branch captain and a military strategist. His friend, Barry, contacted him about Umbrella's actions in Raccoon City, and shortly afterward, Mr. Trent contacted him about Caliban Cove. David is handsome, tall and slender with short, dark hair. When David visits the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. at Barry's house, he tells her and her team that S.T.A.R.S. has been bribed or blackmailed by Umbrella, and when David asks her to accompany him to an Umbrella facility in Caliban Cove where he suspects similar activities as in Raccoon City, she agrees, eager to do her part. Unfortunately, as Barry's team plans, they are attacked by Umbrella forces led by



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Nicolas Griffith

Nicolas Griffith is the insane biochemist who mutates the T-Virus at Caliban Cove. He was fired from his university job in the 1970s for human experimentation. Dr. Griffith takes over the Caliban Cove facility and kills the other workers. His mutated virus takes away human's ability to make decisions. At Caliban Cove, Dr. Griffith thinks about his wonderful accomplishment, transforming the T-Virus to steal humans' ability to make decisions, which he plans to release at dawn tomorrow through an airborne pathogen, intending to infect the entire world. As Karen succumbs to the virus, Dr. Griffith takes advantage of Steve's distraction to inject him with his "gift." He then sends Steve, now under his control, to shoot John and trap Rebecca and David in the airlock which he intends to flood. Dr. Griffith talks to Rebecca and David, but furious that they do not understand the beauty of his gift, he orders Steve to kill himself. He is finally killed when David wedges Karen's grenade past the window of the airlock.

Steve Lopez

Steve Lopez is the marksman and computer expert with the S.T.A.R.S. Exeter branch. He is twenty-two years old and naturally tan with black hair and dark, quick eyes. He goes on the Caliban Cove mission. Steve and Rebecca begin to flirt while at Caliban Cove, but both decide to wait to explore their mutual attraction until they are in a safer place. After Dr. Kinneson takes Steve and Karen hostage, Dr. Griffith injects Steve with his mutated version of the T-Virus, making Steve his slave. He then orders Steve to shoot John, trap Rebecca and David in the airlock, and then shoot himself.



John Andrews

John Andrews is the field scout with the S.T.A.R.S. Exeter branch. He is six feet tall and muscular. He goes on the mission to Caliban Cove where he is devastated that Karen is infected by the virus. Steve shoots John at Dr. Griffith's orders, but John manages to survive the shot and the grenade explosion, swimming to the surface where he is found by the Philadelphia S.T.A.R.S. that Barry sent to rescue David's team. The novel ends with John in stable condition, and the medic believes that he will make a full recovery.

Karen Driver

Karen Driver is the forensics experts with the S.T.A.R.S. Exeter branch. She is in her early thirties and is tall and lanky with a business-like demeanor. Karen accompanies the mission to Caliban Cove. She always carries her father's grenade from World War II with her for luck, and Rebecca and David are able to use this grenade to kill Dr. Griffith and escape from the airlock. Karen is infected with the T-Virus, and she eventually turns into a zombie and attacks Dr. Thurman.

Barry Burton

Barry Burton is the captain of the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. He is tall and muscular. He contacts David for help after the Spencer mansion fiasco, but he stay in Raccoon City with Jill and Chris while Rebecca goes to Caliban Cove with David in order to contact other S.T.A.R.S. for help and to learn about the local police's involvement with Umbrella. Barry sent his wife and kids away from Raccoon City for safety, and he also sends the Philadelphia S.T.A.R.S. to Caliban Cove to rescue David and Rebecca.

Chris Redfield

Chris Redfield is a marksman for the Raccoon City branch of S.T.A.R.S. He stays in Raccoon City with Barry and Jill to contact other S.T.A.R.S. for help and to learn about the local police's involvement with Umbrella.

Jill Valentine

Jill Valentine is the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S.'s covert breaking and entering specialist. She stays in Raccoon City with Barry and Chris to contact other S.T.A.R.S. for help and to learn about the local police's involvement with Umbrella.

Mr. Trent

Mr. Trent is the mysterious benefactor who tells the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. about the Spencer mansion, and he tells David about Caliban Cove. Both time, he provides the



groups with cryptic messages regarding the facilities. Mr. Trent works with the Umbrella executives in the Epilogue, but he does not know how long he can continue their game.

Dr. Lyle Ammon

Dr. Lyle Ammon was the last researcher at Caliban Cove that Dr. Griffith killed. He managed to send information to Mr. Trent along with a request for help. He also hid his keycard to the lighthouse in the blue series test, allowing David and his team to find it and gain access to the lab.

Dr. Alan Kinneson

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Objects/Places

Raccoon City

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Umbrella

Umbrella is a well-respected pharmaceutical company who is responsible for creating the T-Virus which turns people into zombies through their biological weapons research. They buy off key S.T.A.R.S. members and orchestrate an attack on the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. team.

S.T.A.R.S.

S.T.A.R.S. stands for Special Tactics and Rescue Squad and is an investigating unit that the main characters all belong to. S.T.A.R.S. does not provide backup to the Raccoon City team after the Spencer mansion fiasco because Umbrella blackmailed or bribed key members of the organization. David and Barry are furious at S.T.A.R.S.'s betrayal.

Caliban Cove

Caliban Cove is the main setting for the majority of this novel. This is where Umbrella's research facility in Maine is located, and David asks Rebecca to investigate the facility with his team because he suspects they are experimenting with the T-Virus. The main events in this novel occur on this isolated stretch of privately owned coast.

Boathouse

David and his team take cover in the boathouse after being forced to shore when the Leviathans flip their raft.

Block A

Rebecca and Steve find Dr. Athens' journal in Block A while David completes blue series test 4.



Block C

The team accesses the mainframe in Block C, learning where to go for the blue series tests that Dr. Ammon wrote to Mr. Trent about.

Block D

Karen is infected by blood in Room 101 of Block D when she and John search for test 7 of the blue series.

Block E

After Karen is infected, the S.T.A.R.S. team goes to Block E to take test 9 of the blue series, and the reward is Dr. Ammon's access card to the lighthouse where the main lab is located.

Lighthouse

The main lab is located in the lighthouse, and the S.T.A.R.S. infiltrate the lighthouse hoping to find the cure to the T-Virus so they can save Karen.

Lab

The lab is Dr. Griffith's sanctuary, and he orders Dr. Kinneson to bring Karen and Steve to him. This is where he infects Steve with his gift and kills Karen after she becomes a zombie. He also traps David and Rebecca, intending to drown them in the airlock, but they use Karen's grenade to kill him and escape.

Grenade

Karen always carries a grenade her father gave her from World War II for luck. When Rebecca and David are trapped in the airlock, Rebecca retrieves the grenade which David uses to free them and kill Dr. Griffith.

T-Virus

The T-Virus is a biological weapon designed by Umbrella which turns people into zombies.



Dr. Griffith's Gift

Dr. Griffith's gift is a mutation of the T-Virus which robs humans of the ability to make decisions. He plans to release enough of the airborne virus at dawn to infect most of North America within twenty-four hours.

Trisquads

Trisquads are zombies created at Caliban Cove who are trained with weapons and used as guards.

Ma7s

The Ma7s are the result of a T-Virus experiment gone wrong. Violent and unpredictable, they are kept caged until Dr. Griffith releases them against David, Rebecca, and John who manage to kill the Ma7s.



Themes

Treachery

A major theme in "Caliban Cove" and perhaps the most obvious one is the repetition of treachery. Most of the treachery is intentional, but some of it is incidental. The main example of incidental treachery would be Steve who was forced to betray John, David, and Rebecca after Dr. Griffith injected him with his mutation of the T-Virus. He was ordered to shoot John and lock Rebecca and David in the airlock before Dr. Griffith told him to commit suicide. Mr. Trent serves as an example of ethical treachery as he betrays his employers, the Umbrella executives, in order to provide information about their Raccoon City and Caliban Cove facilities to the S.T.A.R.S. teams because he disagrees with Umbrella's actions and does not know how much longer he can continue to play their game.

Umbrella's treachery is against humanity as they experiment on humans with biological weapons, and their experiments get out of control at their Raccoon City and Caliban Cove facilities, endangering the general public, especially at Caliban Cove where their researcher, Nicolas Griffith, goes insane and plans to infect the entire world. S.T.A.R.S. also betrays their Raccoon City branch because they have been bribed or blackmailed by Umbrella. At least this is David's suspicion, but it seems to be confirmed when they learn that the attack on Barry's house was led by S.T.A.R.S. In fact, the man who shoots Barry in the park is the captain of the Oklahoma City S.T.A.R.S. and someone that Barry and David trained with. Some of the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. abandoned their teammates after the incident at the Spencer mansion, but David, Rebecca, Jill, and Chris do not seem to hold this act of self-preservation against them.

The largest example of treachery in this novel is seen in Nicolas Griffith, the insane scientist at Caliban Cove. Griffith mutates the T-Virus into a form that revokes a human's ability to make decisions, effectively turning them into slaves. He takes over the facility, killing the other researchers, except for Drs. Kinneson, Thurman and Athens who he turns into his slaves. Furthermore, Dr. Griffith's insanity causes him to see his virus as a gift which he plans to bestow upon the world as a cure for the vile race that humanity has become. He intends to release the airborne virus into the wind at dawn, planning to infect billions of people in less than twenty-four hours. Griffith also sends Kinneson to capture Karen and Steve, killing Karen because she has already been infected and infecting Steve with his version of the virus. He then forces Steve to betray his team, locking Rebecca and David in the airlock and shooting John, before ordering Steve to kill himself. Luckily, Dr. Griffith's treachery ends when David engages the grenade.

Pride and Arrogance

A theme frequently seen in "Caliban Cove" is pride and arrogance. This is particular obvious as it regards Nicolas Griffith; however, Umbrella also demonstrates their



arrogance in believing that they can do whatever they want without repercussion. They blackmail or bribe S.T.A.R.S. and initiate attacks against the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. Another example of arrogance is seen in Rebecca and Karen's belief that they can find out what is going on, leading them to join the mission to Caliban Cove which eventually causes Karen's death. David also accuses himself of arrogance in his belief that they can take Umbrella down, but his desire to do good is not necessarily arrogance, even when he still intends to make Umbrella pay for their actions after the devastating events that transpire at the Caliban Cove facility.

As previously stated, the most obvious example of pride and arrogance can be seen in the actions of Dr. Nicolas Griffith. He mutates the T-Virus to create a mutagen that robs humans of their ability to make decisions. His pride in his accomplishment and his arrogance in believing he is making the right decision is obvious in his every action. Nicolas Griffith believes it is time to concentrate on the final stage of the experiment, their situational behavior. Within a week, he plans to expand beyond the confines of the facility. His colleagues constantly raved over Birkin's T-Virus, but only Dr. Griffith saw it for what it really was, "a crude but effective platform for something far greater" (p. 71). He has created the answer to the blight that the human race has become. He has synthesized enough of his airborne virus to infect most of North America which will allow the world to be inhabited by a peaceful people of character and will. When his pride is replaced with a cold emptiness, he wonders if he is wrong, but he orders Dr. Kinneson to assure him he is right, his fear vanishing and his pride in his accomplishment returning. Dr. Griffith cannot allow stress to affect his mind. He will give his gift to the wind at sunrise tomorrow. As the novel continues, Dr. Griffith constantly reassures himself that his plans will not be stopped because "the righteousness of his work would see him through this invasion" (page 195). His pride is offended when David calls him insane, but luckily, David and Rebecca manage to stop the arrogant, insane scientist.

Desire to Help Others

In contrast to the treachery presented by Dr. Griffith and Umbrella, the S.T.A.R.S. members who play a significant role in this novel are filled with the desire to help others, and this is what inspires their actions and their decisions. To begin with, the Raccoon City S.T.A.R.S. are trying to help others by their concern over Umbrella's actions since Umbrella is experimenting on humans. David becomes involved after Barry informs him about what is going on, and furthermore, Mr. Trent tells him about Caliban Cove, so he wants to stop Umbrella's actions. When David asks Rebecca to go with him to Caliban Cove, Rebecca agrees because this is her chance to contribute since she is the only scientist in S.T.A.R.S. that is willing to go up against Umbrella, so she is their only chance to learn about the T-Virus. Karen, John, and Steve also join the mission to Caliban Cove with the hope of proving Umbrella's wrongdoing and saving people, despite knowing the risk to themselves as they could become infected if they come into contact with the T-Virus.

During the mission to Caliban Cove, each member of the S.T.A.R.S. team is constantly concerned with their teammates' well-being. Steve and Rebecca are frightened for John



and Karen when they learn their teammates are in the lab where the Trisquads were made and where a large quantity of the T-Virus was created and stored. When Karen becomes infected, the team decides to infiltrate the lab in hopes of finding a cure for the virus. Meanwhile, Karen asks them not to let her hurt anyone. John is furious that Karen is infected, and David consistently blames himself for putting his team in danger. Despite the dangers they face, the team continues trying to find the lab in hopes of saving Karen. After Rebecca, John and David realize they have been led into a trap toward the Ma7s, their concern is what is happening to Karen and Steve. Meanwhile, when Dr. Kinneson turns against Karen and Steve, Steve could save himself at Karen's expense, but he refuses to do so, even knowing that the virus will likely consume her; he has to protect her for as long as possible. Unfortunately, this leads to his infection which allows Dr. Griffith to force him to turn against his team. Once Rebecca and David are trapped in the airlock, they lose hope of survival, but Rebecca's focus remains on the fact that Dr. Griffith plans to release their airborne virus and infect millions of people, so she and David release the grenade in order to kill Dr. Griffith, even though they doubt their own survival. This willingness to sacrifice their own lives for the greater good is the epitome of the desire to help others that the S.T.A.R.S. operatives exemplify throughout this novel.

Style

Point of View

The point of view in "Caliban Cove" is the third person and omniscient. This is proven by the fact that the narrator has access to all of the characters' thoughts and emotions. The narrator also seems to be reliable as nothing in the narration is ever contradicted. This is particularly useful as the narrator alternates between characters, providing the readers with information from multiple perspectives and keeping them more informed than the characters themselves. The use of this point of view is extremely important to the novel as it keeps them especially informed. It also allows them to see each character's feelings about the mission, each other and specific events.

The distribution of exposition and dialogue is fairly equal. This is useful as it provides the interaction between characters as well as their thoughts and feelings. This format keeps the reader informed throughout the novel, always aware of what is going on, and it also serves to foreshadow many events throughout the narrative. The viewpoint of the novel alternates between most of the characters. The most common viewpoints are that of Rebecca, David and Dr. Griffith. It also changes to that of Barry, Jill, Chris, John, Steve, and Karen.

Setting

This novel is set in the real world in America, but it is based on the premise of the creation of a biological weapon that turns people into zombies. The characters are researchers, S.T.A.R.S. operatives and the zombies infected by the T-Virus and its mutations. The characters' occupations play a large role in the animosity between the researchers and the members of S.T.A.R.S.

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Language and Meaning

The language used in "Caliban Cove" is casual and informal. The sentences are constructed properly but in a conversational tone. This makes the novel easier to read for the target audience, young adults. This is especially beneficial as Rebecca, a scientist, explains many of the more difficult concepts to her team members and thus her readers. The language aids comprehension as the complicated concepts and terms are explained in layman's terms, allowing readers to understand what is going on throughout the entire novel.

The language used in this novel characterizes the characters' morals and mental statuses. For example, Dr. Griffith's language demonstrates his insanity quite effectively. The distribution of exposition and dialogue is fairly equal. This is useful as it provides the interaction between characters as well as their thoughts and feelings. This format keeps the reader informed throughout the novel, always aware of what is going on, and it also serves to foreshadow many events throughout the narrative. The language is beneficial in allowing readers to understand what is happening despite the complex issues that arise. The language overall is easy to understand and very informative.

Structure

"Caliban Cove" is comprised of 242 pages divided into 18 chapters as well as a prologue and epilogue. The chapters average 10 to 15 pages in length, and they are numbered rather than titled. The chapters are short but detailed, and a very small amount of time passes in each chapter as the entire book takes place in about two days. "Caliban Cove" by S. D. Perry is the second novel in the Residence Evil series about zombies originating from biological weapons research. Shortly after her team is devastated in Raccoon City, eighteen-year-old chemist Rebecca Chambers is recruited for a similar mission in Caliban Cove, ME. Rebecca agrees, eager to do her part of end Umbrella's atrocious research. "Caliban Cove" is an intriguing but terrifying novel that poses the question of what could happen when insane researchers experiment with viruses designed to be used as biological warfare.

The novel is very quick-paced, and it is easy to read as complex terms and concepts are explained. It contains flashbacks to update the reader on what occurred in Raccoon City in the previous book. Rebecca also frequently compares what she finds in Caliban Cove to what she witnessed at the Spencer mansion. The novel is entertaining and enjoyable, although the concept is terrifyingly realistic.



Quotes

"For just a moment, Rebecca envied them their ignorance. She'd come to the rather disheartening conclusion in the last couple of weeks that knowing the truth wasn't all it was cracked up to be- particularly when no one believed it" (Chapter 1, p. 6).

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this, Ms. Chambers. I have reason to believe that Umbrella has gotten to key members of the S.T.A.R.S., either by bribery or blackmail. There is no investigation- and no one else is coming" (Chapter 1, p. 13).

"I agree, Umbrella has to be stopped- but let's not kid ourselves. We're talking about breaking from the S.T.A.R.S. and going up against a multi-billion dollar establishment on our own. Nowhere is going to be safe, and our only chance for success is if we each do what we can, what we're good at, to take Umbrella down" (Chapter 2, p. 23-24).

"Ammon's message received/blue series/enter answer for key/letters and numbers reverse/time rainbow/don't count/blue access" (Chapter 2, p. 31).

"It doesn't matter anyway. Umbrella's going to pay for what they've done, one way or another" (Chapter 3, p. 39).

"No more. No more of this. My girls aren't going to grow up in a world where this can happen, not if I have any say in it" (Chapter 4, p. 56).

"Beings such as myself, but for one very crucial difference: I know just how much my dreams are worth" (Chapter 5, p. 69).

"What we do have to watch for is contact with a host, and I mean any contact, I can't stress that enough- this thing is incredibly virulent once it enters the bloodstream, and even a single drop of blood from a host could hold hundreds of millions of virus particles. We'd need a fully equipped hot suite and a trained biohazard virologist to pin down its replication strategy for certain, but direct contact of any kind should be avoided at all costs. With any luck, they'll have died by now...or at least deteriorated past mobility. The humans, anyway" (Chapter 6, p. 86).

"No one's hurt and we're still armed; things could be a lot worse. Rebecca, pass out the clips, please. The fence can't be more than fifty meters south from here, and there are enough trees for cover, provided no one has seen us yet. This operation is called, we're getting out of here" (Chapter 7, p. 104-105).

"Her thoughts raced to understand, images of the T-Virus victims flitting through her mind. They'd been mindless, slow, inhuman- and accidental, not on purpose- not with purpose" (Chapter 8, p. 110).

"They were ready. There were infinite variables in the equation, any number of things that could go wrong with the simple plan, but that was always the case. There was no way to prepare for everything that could happen, not at this point" (Chapter 9, p. 131).



"It's my duty to help her lighten up. If we're gonna die, might as well be laughing as crying" (Chapter 9, p. 135).

"It was a bad place, a place of evil deeds. They'd both felt it, both been affected by the realization of what had gone on there" (Chapter 10, p. 152).

"I'll kill them myself, I'll strangle them with my bare hands! They will not stop me from doing what must be done. They can't- not after all I've accomplished, not after everything I've been through to get to where I am" (Chapter 11, p. 155).

"How could they do this? How did they sleep at night" (Chapter 11, p. 165).

"I'd like to do a quick recap, to make certain we're all on the same page before we go any further. In short, this facility was used for T-Virus experimentation and has been taken over by one of the researchers for reasons unknown. The other workers have been killed and the offices purged of incriminating evidence. Rebecca believes that the biochemist Nicolas Griffith is responsible, and the fact that the grounds are still being patrolled suggests that he's alive, somewhere in the compound- though I don't feel we should concern ourselves with trying to find him. We've already completed two of the tests given to us by Dr. Ammon, through Trent, and my hope is that the 'material' he has hidden for us will be the evidence we need to formally charge Umbrella with criminal activity" (Chapter 12, p. 169-170).

"We have to find the main lab, where they synthesized the virus, and quickly. If they developed a cure, that's where the information would be" (Chapter 12, p. 176).

"It didn't know what it was. It didn't know who they were. Once it had been a man, and now it was rotting garbage with a gun and a mission it couldn't possibly understand. They took his soul" (Chapter 12, p. 180).

"Look, I don't know what they've done with the T-Virus here, but there's a chance that you could start to experience more advanced symptoms in a relatively short amount of time. It's important that you tell me, tell all of how you're doing, physically and psychologically. Any changes at all, we need to know, okay" (Chapter 13, p. 186).

"Maybe that spinning destiny was too vast, moving too quickly for them to deny- but he wasn't going to let it run them over without at least putting up a fight. Karen deserved that much. They all did" (Chapter 13, p. 191).

"His plans wouldn't fail; the righteousness of his work would see him through this invasion" (Chapter 14, p. 195).

"Steve knew she was dying, knew that there was a good chance she'd lose against the virus and become a violent, insane creature before the night was through- but I have to protect her for as long as I can. If I sacrificed her to save myself and there was even a chance that she could've been cured... Steve wouldn't, couldn't do it. Even if it meant his own life" (Chapter 14, p. 205-206).



"She's gone. Look at her, can't you see she's not human anymore? She's one of Birkin's puppets, one of the pathetically altered hungry. A zombie. A Trisquad unit without training" (Chapter 15, p. 213).

"They stepped back slowly, Rebecca unable to take her eyes from Steve's face, the handsome, boyish face she'd grown to care about. Now it was only a mask, worn by a... by a zombie... A zombie that could walk and talk like a man. Like Kinneson. Like Steve" (Chapter 16, p. 223).

"Do you know what that is, do you know what I've managed to synthesize? Peace! Peace and the freedom from choice for all of mankind! There's enough of my strain, of my creation in those tanks to infect a billion people in less than twenty-four hours! I've managed to find the answer, the answer to the pitiful, selfish, and self-important breed that the human race has become- when I give my gift to the wind, the world will become free again, it will be reborn, a simple and beautiful place for every creature, great and small, surviving on instinct alone" (Chapter 16, p. 225-226).

"If Griffith releases that virus, millions are people are gonna die" (Chapter 17, p. 229).

"Somehow, the thought of Steve didn't bring the kind of pain that David expected it would. It hurt, it hurt like hell- Karen and Steve, gone- but when he thought of what they had managed to stop, what they had been a part of...it wasn't all for nothing. We stopped Griffith's insanity, stopped him from effectively killing millions of innocent people. God, they would have been so proud" (Chapter 18, p. 239).



Topics for Discussion

What is the T-Virus, and why is it so frightening?

Why does Rebecca agree to accompany David to Caliban Cove?

What differences does Rebecca notice between the Raccoon City zombies and the zombies at Caliban Cove? How does she feel about this?

Why does David feel guilty about the events that transpire during his time at Caliban Cove?

Who is Dr. Griffith, and what is his plan? Why?

How do David, Barry and their teams feel about S.T.A.R.S. ignoring the situation with Umbrella?

Who is Mr. Trent? What do the S.T.A.R.S. know about him, and how does he help them? What additional information does the reader know about Mr. Trent?