

The Vault Is Not Enough

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Act 2 Scene 3
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The world is ending, at least as everyone knows it. With the Resonance Virus running rampant among the population and having developed an immunity to earlier cures, an assortment of the elite and those who happened to be near them at the time have been herded into bunkers across the nation. At one such bunker, scientists who were involved in the Resonance Project have been working around the clock on a new cure. As the hospital ward in the underground bunker is sealed, all anyone can pray for is that they will be among those who survive this apocalypse.

You thought you had seen terrible things in Africa, in Asia, in the darkest corners of the earth, where death and disease ran unchecked. You thought you had seen situations of abject hopelessness where the populations were rife with incurable sickness. But you understand now that you hadn't seen any horror such as now that the Resonance virus is loose.

Resonance is spreading with unstoppable speed and virulence, consuming the brains of all infected in an overwhelming neurological assault. Before long, all the planet will sink into catatonia until at last succumbing to starvation, dehydration, and death. Now there is no place on Earth that's safe.

And you had a hand in bringing all this destruction about. Dr. Yu had convinced you that you would be doing good, that you would be saving people as you had in your time in developing nations. But instead you have helped to lay down a death sentence.

You had built your career on holding out hope even in places where the situation had grown bleak. But with civilization itself on the verge of collapse, even you cannot see how there can be any hope left for the world.