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If you read my essay "Jenn[d]er Confusion", you know about my brush with the Kardashians. Fortunately, it wasn't fatal. Unfortunately for Lamar Odom, it may prove to be fatal -- literally. The 4th overall pick in the 1999 NBA draft has been at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas since Tuesday, fighting for his life after a 4 day-binge at the Love Ranch brothel!

In the grand tradition of never letting a crisis go to waste, The First Family of Fame Whoredom - Kourtney, Kimberly, Khloé (who benched Odom 22 months ago), and their "momager" Kris - hopped on a private jet to be at his comatose bedside as other celebrities tweeted their good wishes and prayers for Odom.

But that's not the worst of it. The worst of it is that, thanks to a judge who couldn't take five seconds out of his life to sign off on their divorce, Odom is still married to Khloé, meaning she has sole authority to make medical decisions on his behalf. That's right: the woman who reneged on her vow to stand by her man for better or for worse now has literal life-and-death power over the poor dope! See what happens when you don't have a Health Care Directive? Let this be a lesson to you, kids.

As I wondered where the these jackoffs tweeting good wishes to Odom were as he was hitting rock bottom, it occurred to me he is the latest in a VERY long Kasualty List of The Kardashian Kurse -- men who were fool enough to heed the siren call of these soul-sucking vamps:

* Gabriel Aubry

After Halle Berry pushed this model, father of her daughter, off the proverbial runway, Kim dumped him because she decided he was using her for her fame (!). It went downhill from there: his eatery went bust, then Berry's husband, actor Olivier Martinez, busted-up his pretty face. However, he can comfort himself with collecting the \$415,000 in retroactive and attorney fees and the \$16,000 a month child support a judge ordered Berry to fork over.

* Miles Austin

After he was cut by Kim, he had his worst season in 3 years. To add insult to injury, he lost a pass in the lights which cost the Dallas Cowboys a playoff spot. America's Team cut him in 2014, and he now plies his trade for the woeful Philadelphia Eagles.

* Corde Broadus

Wonder why his lone claim to fame is being Snoop Dogg's son? He dated Kris and Bruce's daughter Kendall!

* Julian Brooks

After Kendall signed him for a tryout while they were both still in high school, he was suspended by the University of Nevada-Reno football team for a rules violation. He was reinstated. She cut him. The team cut him (again). Game Over.

* Reggie Bush

After an investigation revealed he and his family had accepted goodies from two agents, the NCAA stripped USC of its 2004 national title, he relinquished his Heisman Trophy, then was traded by the Super Bowl champ New Orleans Saints to the lowly Miami Dolphins. This is what happens when Kim Kardashian kicks you to the curb.

* Nick Cannon

After he and Kim split after 5 months (an eternity in her world), it seemed he beat the odds when he married Mariah Carey. Alas, they split, and the Kurse klaimed another victim.

* Michael Copon

Actor who went from "One Tree Hill" to Kim to oblivion.

* Shengo Deane

Kim's Australian "bodyguard". Hasn't landed a "bodyguard" gig since.

* Scott Disick

His on-again/off-again relationship with Kourtney was tailor-made for "*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*"; ditto, his boorish behavior. If it's any consolation, he will be able to torment her until at least December 14, 2032, when the youngest of their 3 children turns 18.

* The Game

Rapper who klaimed he dated Kim but not Khloé, even after Khloé posted a video of them twerking at a nightclub. And he wonders why his career has tanked.

* Michael Girgenti

Model Kourtney sandwiched in-between Disick. He hit her with a paternity suit, claiming he is the father of her son, Mason, then flunked a polygraph test on live television.

* James Harden

The 3^{rd} overall pick in the 2009 NBA draft dated Khloé after she benched Odom, only to get ejected after she claimed he was unfaithful. His Houston Rockets then got clobbered in the 1^{st} round of the 2016 playoffs. And the Kurse kontinues.

* Kris Humphries

The 14th overall pick in the 2009 NBA draft has bounced around like a rubber ball since Kim benched him after 72 days of wedded bliss. To his credit, he dug in and demanded an annulment. 536 days after Kim filed for divorce, they reached an undisclosed settlement.

* Ray J

Made a sex tape with Kim in 2005. Hasn't been heard from since.

* Taj Jackson

Wonder why his lone claim to fame is being Michael Jackson's nephew? He dated Kourtney!

* Taryll Jackson

Wonder why his lone claim to fame is being Michael Jackson's nephew? He dated Kourtney AND Kim!

* Brandon Jenner and Brody Jenner

Bruce's professional slacker sons were riding high until Brody let slip that he wasn't fond of Kris. And Brody wonders why he has been reduced to doing something called "*Sex with Brody*". And Brandon wonders why his wife has been reduced to plugging it!

* Bruce Jenner

Do I REALLY need to go there?!

* Rob Kardashian

Not even the men who have the misfortune to be born into this den of vipers can escape The Kurse! Junior suffers from depression, has gained 100 pounds, and was hospitalized for diabetes. "Do I think he smokes weed, drinks beer, hangs out and plays video games with his friends all day long? Yes.", an unsympathetic Kim told the July 2015 *Rolling Stone*.

* Robert Kardashian

Member of O.J. Simpson's army of lawyers the press dubbed The Dream Team gained posthumous infamy as the Pop of Kourtney, Kimberly, Khloé, and Robert, Jr. He divorced Kris after learning she was playing "Goooaaall!" with a soccer pro. In his diaries, he accused her of passing out drunk, abandoning their children, and failing to come home.

* Matt Kemp

The day she benched Odom, Khloé and the Los Angeles Dodgers slugger were spotted together at a gym. Kemp then failed to put up Kemp-like numbers, and was shipped to the San Diego Padres almost a year to the day after he tried out for Team Khloé.

* Nick Lachey

From Jessica Simpson to Kim to oblivion. Anyone else seeing a pattern here?

* Mally Mall

As if being investigated by the FBI for racketeering and prostitution isn't bad enough, after the rapper lost his exotic cat in a fire, Clark County tweeted a pic of the poor creature with "#RIP" and laughing emojis. Did I mention he and Khloé are "pals"?

* Shamari Maurice

Professional loser who got his 15 seconds when Kendall AND her sister, Kylie tag-teamed him. Wonder how his "Kendall is so fucking creepy" tweet went over?

* Rashad McCants

Khloé supposedly benched the 14th overall pick in the 2005 NBA draft for cheating on her. I suspect the real reason is he got bounced to the Development League.

* French Montana

DJ who Khloé took for a spin after she benched Odom. Never heard of him, either.

* Ryan Nassif

Wonder why his lone claim to fame is being the nephew of the nose doctor on "*Botched*"? He dated Kendall!

* Miles Richie

Wonder why his lone claim to fame is being Lionel Richie's son? He dated Kylie!

* Cesar Sanudo

After the then-18 year old Kris clubbed this pro golfer with the proverbial wedge, he never came close to winning a tournament (his best majors' finish was T9 at the 1972 U.S. Open). But he will forever be known as Kardashian Kurse Kasualty #1!

* Jaden Smith

Wonder why his lone claim to fame is being Will Smith and Jada Pinkett's cross-dressing son? He dated Kylie!

* Scott Storch

From producing tracks for Beyoncé, Christina Aguilera, and Justin Timberlake to Kim to bankruptcy. A kautionary tale if ever there were one!

* Harry Styles

After pop tart Taylor Swift kicked the British pop tart to the curb, he took up with Kendall, then did a Taylor on her. Any guess as to why his solo career is DOA?

* Damon Thomas

Mr. Kim Kardashian #1. 'Nuff said.

* Derrick Ward

The year before he played for Team Khloé, he rushed for 1,025 for the New York Giants. After Khloé cut him, he rushed for 209 yards in 3 seasons and was out of football.

* Todd Waterman

The aforementioned soccer pro, now an animator, Kanooded with Kris in 2 "*Keeping Up with the Kardashians*" episodes -- then lost 2 Daytime Emmys!

While some dopes - Justin Bieber; Bow Wow; singer Chris Brown; soccer pro Alecko Eskandarian; Fabulou\$; 50 Cent; reality star Benjamin Flajnik; flesh-peddler Joe Francis; ex-Mr. Vanessa Williams, Rick Fox; race car driver Lewis Hamilton; singer Marques Houston; Terrence Howard; InkMon\$tarr; Australian pop tart Ashton Irwin; TV host Terrence Jenkins; Nick Jonas; Joey Lawrence; Mr. Cameron Diaz, Benji Madden; John Mayer; NBA player Chandler Parsons; Lionel Richie; hair stylist Alex Roldan (rumored to be Khloé's biological father); soccer pro Cristiano Ronaldo; actor Evan Ross; Stitches; musician Pete Wentz - have pulled a Sgt. Schultz and klaim to know nothing, absolutely nothing!, about Keeping Up With No Kardashian, other dopes just can't resist. Kylie is giving rapper Tyga a tumble after sending Australian pop tart Cody Simpson packing while Kris is making music with Bieber flunky Corey Gamble, who is young enough to be her son!

If there is one dope who has a chance of not falling prey to the Kurse, it's Kanye West, who not only makes his wife and in-laws look like kharity kases, but has succeeded in knocking Kim down to his thug level: having her wear his favorite designer; having her in his videos (in one, they have sex as he rides a motorcycle!); and generally orchestrating every facet of their thug life. Thug Life thinks he has the Kurse beat; I think not: during a <u>Vogue</u> photo shoot, he and Kim's baby girl peed on him!

Kanye -- konsider yourself warned!

UPDATE: Odom transferred to Cedars-Sinai Hospital [October 19, 2015]

UPDATE: Khloé withdraws divorce petition [October 21, 2015]

UPDATE: E! reports Khloé and James Harden are still dating [October 27, 2015]

UPDATE: Khloé tells Ellen DeGeneres that Odom "never asks why he's (in the hospital)" and is "really confused a lot", but is "off of all the machines" and "learning how to walk again and feed himself and put sentences together" [November 16, 2015]

UPDATE: Khloé tweets "divorce is still going forward" and claims Odom "went against all our (marriage) vows" [November 18, 2015]

UPDATE: Kylie dumps Tyga on his 26th birthday [November 19, 2015]

UPDATE: Kendall and Harry Styles reportedly dating again [December 2015]

UPDATE: Kylie and Tyga reportedly dating again [December 2015]

UPDATE: Kim gives birth to son Saint West [December 5, 2015]

UPDATE: Talk show "Kocktails with Khloé" debuts [January 20, 2016]

UPDATE: Odom makes first public appearance at West's fashion show [February 11, 2016]

UPDATE: Rob announces engagement to model Blac Chyna, who has a son by Kylie's boyfriend Tyga [April 5, 2016]

UPDATE: Odom and West attend Kobe Bryant's final NBA game [April 13, 2016]

UPDATE: Final episode of "Kocktails with Khloé" airs [April 20, 2016]

UPDATE: Kylie reportedly dating rapper PartyNextDoor [May 2016]

UPDATE: Rob announces on Instagram Blac Chyna is pregnant [May 6, 2016]

UPDATE: Khloé re-files for divorce [May 26, 2016]

UPDATE: Khloé denies she is dating NFL player Odell Beckham after photos surface of the pair flirting at a Memorial Day party thrown by singer Drake [June 1, 2016]

UPDATE: Kylie and Tyga celebrate her 19th birthday [August 10, 2016]

UPDATE: Khloé reportedly dating NBA player Tristan Thompson [August 2016]

UPDATE: 6-part reality series "Rob & Chyna" debuts [September 11, 2016]

UPDATE: Kim reportedly held at gunpoint at her Paris hotel suit and robbed of several million dollars' worth of valuables [October 1, 2016]

UPDATE: Blac Chyna gives birth to daughter Dream Renée Kardashian [November 10, 2016]

UPDATE: West admitted to UCLA Medical Center "for his own health and safety" after canceling the remainder of Saint Pablo Tour [November 21, 2016]

UPDATE: West released from UCLA Medical Center [November 30, 2016]

UPDATE: Khloé-Odom divorce finalized [December 9, 2016]

UPDATE: Rob announces on Instagram Blac Chyna has left him [December 18, 2016]

UPDATE: Reality series "Revenge Body with Khloé Kardashian" debuts [January 12, 2017]

UPDATE: Los Angeles Lakers's Jordan Clarkson signed a 4-year, \$50 million contract. Then he met Kendall. Then Kendall dumped him. Then GM Mitch Kupchak was fired, owner Jeanie Buss threw her brother off the Board, and the team finished 26–56 [April 12, 2017]

UPDATE: Kylie is dating rapper Travis Scott (born Jacques Webster) [April 2017]

UPDATE: The Kurse klaims its biggest victim yet -- the Cleveland Cavaliers! The defending champs were clobbered by the Golden State Warriors; Khloé's boyfriend Tristan Thompson averaged just 1.0 points. To add insult to injury, Thompson and the Warriors' David West got into a fight in Game 5 which became so heated, they "kissed"! [June 12, 2017]

UPDATE: Rob is facing arrest after posting intimate photos of Blac Chyna on Instagram, aka "revenge porn". Her attorney says he is "exploring all legal remedies" [July 5, 2017]

UPDATE: 8-part reality series "Life of Kylie" debuts [August 6, 2017]

UPDATE: Kim and West's daughter Chicago born via surrogate [January 15, 2018]

UPDATE: Kylie gives birth to daughter Stormi Webster [February 1, 2018]

UPDATE: Khloé gives birth to daughter True Thompson [April 12, 2018]

UPDATE: Kim and West's son Psalm born via surrogate [May 10, 2019]

UPDATE: 8-part reality series "Flip It Like Disick" debuts [August 4, 2019]

UPDATE: Kim files for divorce from West [February 19, 2021]

UPDATE: Kylie gives birth to son Wolfe Jacques Webster [February 2, 2022]

UPDATE: Final episode of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" airs [June 20, 2021]

UPDATE: Kourtney marries musician Travis Barker in Las Vegas [April 3, 2022]

UPDATE: Reality series "The Kardashians" debuts on Hulu [April 14, 2022]

UPDATE: Khloé and Thompson's son born via surrogate [July 28, 2022]

UPDATE: Kim's divorce from West finalized [November 29, 2022]

UPDATE: Kylie and Scott have Wolfe's name changed legally to Aire [March 2023]