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In truth, Roxanne had not given it much thought before she blurted out her words. She merely felt that the particular acupuncture point was not the right one, and her heart pumped quickly.

However, upon being questioned by Daniel, Roxanne gradually calmed herself down, and countless analyses flashed through her mind.

A moment later, she walked toward Daniel and patiently explained, "This is indeed the most basic acupuncture point for pain relief, but I'm also crystal clear that we should consider the patient's body condition before we do anything."

"Whatever the condition, the acupuncture points will always be the same." Daniel frowned, visibly impatient.

With that said, he immediately tried to stab the needle into the boy.

His action, however, was quickly stopped by Roxanne as she grabbed onto his wrist, preventing him from inserting the silver needle into the acupuncture point. "This is indeed the best acupuncture point, but it only works on a patient that is well aware and prepared for what is coming. Jamie is still too young, and he is too weak for this. Besides, his tenseness will not let him receive this treatment method properly. If we recklessly use the silver needle on this point, he might become paralyzed if something goes wrong! We can't risk it with a kid. If we're just going to stop the pain, let me do it. I know a way that is much gentler than this!"

Her words had Larry and Jack exchanging a glance with each other before they nodded approvingly.

Daniel, however, retained the same mentality. Instead of listening to Roxanne, he scornfully looked at her and said, "Oh, that's strange. I've been a traditional medicine practitioner for years, and this is the first time I've heard of another method to relieve pain. I wonder where you got this knowledge from, Dr. Jarvis? You're telling me not to take risks with a child, but to me, you're the one that is using them as subjects of your experiment. Look at the pain this boy is in! Now step aside!"

The young lady, however, stubbornly remained standing in front of Jamie.

As a staring contest ensued between the two, Jack interfered and said, "Let Dr. Jarvis try her method."

Just like Daniel, he, too, had never heard of another acupuncture point that could help to relieve pain. His mind, however, changed after he recalled that Roxanne had used a method he had never heard of to treat Alfred.

Hence, his sixth sense had him convinced that perhaps they could believe in

Roxanne for once.

Jack's words immediately caused Daniel's face to turn red. A moment later, despite being extremely unwilling, Daniel still put the silver needles down and made space for Roxanne. After that, the trio locked their eyes on Roxanne.

With a deep breath, Roxanne calmed herself down before picking up the silver needles and inserting them onto the acupuncture points according to what she remembered

She had seen this method in one of Harvey's ancient medicine journals, and this was the very first time she used it to relieve pain.

At this point, all she could do was pray hard that the method would work.

Little did she know that the calm demeanor and accuracy she displayed while giving the acupuncture session had Larry and the others thinking that she was more than just confident. Aside from that, her skill had also impressed them greatly.

Yet, even after she was done with the acupuncture session, it seemed to have no effect as Jamie showed no response.

Roxanne gently wiped off the sweat on her forehead and replied softly, "This is a method I learned from an ancient medicine journal. Due to the milder nature of the method, it will take some time for the effect to kick in."

Hearing this, everyone around her relaxed.

Though Daniel was still skeptical, it was quickly discarded after seeing the little boy opening his eyes. The pain haunting the boy was no longer visible as well.

The other children also stopped crying after seeing Jamie return to his senses. In an instant, they surrounded the bed joyfully.

"Jamie, how are you feeling now?" The little girl who had alerted Roxanne to Jamie's condition earlier looked at the boy concernedly.

Jamie frowned for a second before he happily shouted, "The pain! It's gone! I used to feel sore all over my body whenever I recovered, but I'm feeling okay right now!"

Upon hearing that, Roxanne finally felt at ease. Heart aching, she patted the little boy's head and said, "I'll prescribe you some medicine. Make sure to take them accordingly, and you will no longer be in pain anymore."

Jamie nodded happily to her words.

"Dr Jarvis, you are indeed a student of Harvey Lambert. Those are some impressive skills you showed us," Jack praised with a smile as he finally let go of his prejudice toward Roxanne. Roxanne smiled humbly in response.

Standing right beside her was Daniel. Unlike the others, he stood there with an ugly expression, for he felt humiliated by what happened.

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While Roxanne was treating the kid, the news of what was going on in their cubicle had spread to the others.

Many doctors were surprised to hear that Roxanne actually questioned Daniel's capability. They also became curious when they heard about how she said there was an alternative acupuncture point that could stop the pain. All of them put their work aside and made their way there.

The second they got into the room, they saw Roxanne administering the treatment. They judged her by her appearance and didn't trust her skills. However, they are understood how important it was to stay focused when administering treatment, so they stood there quietly.

When they saw that Roxanne's treatment was actually working, they gasped in astonishment.

The acupuncture technique involved was something they had never even heard about.

Yet, it was obvious that her technique was more ancient than theirs. No one knew where she could have learned that.

They couldn't help applauding when they heard Jack complimenting her.

The sudden clapping stunned Roxanne momentarily. She turned around and realized that a number of doctors had gathered by the door. Every single one of them seemed more experienced than she was. For a moment there, Roxanne was lost.

"Is that Dr. Lambert's apprentice? No wonder she is so skilled. We truly learned something today."

"Dr. Jarvis, let's hang out sometime when we're free. I'd like to know more about your unique acupuncture techniques."

Everyone praised her. The distrust they felt earlier had since turned into admiration.

Hearing their praise made Roxanne grin humbly. "Thank you for the compliments. There is so much more I still have to learn. I'll be counting on you, my seniors, to guide me."

When they were queueing up at the entrance of the orphanage earlier, many had stared strangely at her.

Roxanne simply wanted to do her job. The thought of showing off and impressing them had never even crossed her mind.

To her surprise, that was exactly what had happened, and everyone's opinion of her had shifted.

She was young and beautiful. On top of that, she was a skilled medical practitioner and a humble person. That made everyone admire her even more.

In an instant, the atmosphere in the room turned peaceful and warm.

Daniel, however, stood off to the side with a gloomy expression, looking like the odd one out.

Out of nowhere, someone shifted everybody's attention to Daniel. "Dr. Hopp, you were too impulsive earlier. Shouldn't you apologize to Dr. Jarvis and the kid for it?" Everyone simultaneously turned their gaze to Daniel.

It seemed that Daniel wasn't just famous for being one of the best traditional medicine practitioners in Chanaea. He was also notoriously arrogant.

Many doctors on site had long held a grudge against him. Now that the opportunity to embarrass him had presented itself, they seized it.

Daniel felt as though he were being roasted on a spit when he sensed everybody's gaze landing on him. He looked terrible and was stiff when he turned his attention to Roxanne. Even he had to admit that he had behaved a little poorly earlier. Still, asking him to publicly apologize to a younger, less experienced doctor was too embarrassing, and he couldn't do it. Hesitation rose within Roxanne's heart when she saw Daniel staring like that, but in the end, she didn't comment on it.

All she wanted was for the medical consultations to go well.

Roxanne stayed true to the core beliefs of the Damaris family's medical consultation and her personal objective for participating in it. Hence, she didn't want anything unpleasant to happen, She had never planned on holding a grudge against Daniel for questioning her skills earlier

However, now that someone had pointed it out, she couldn't help thinking about how Daniel had let his emotions get the best of him and almost crippled a kid.

She didn't care about what happened to her, but she couldn't forgive Daniel for what he almost did to the boy.

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Daniel waited for quite some time, but Roxanne never softened her stance. That left him with no choice. Embarrassed, his face reddened. "I only behaved poorly because I was too worried and wanted to treat the kid as soon as possible. My heart was in the right place."

Everyone frowned in unison when they heard that.

Roxanne's grin slowly faded, and her discontentment rose.

That was when a little girl's voice broke the silence and eased the tension.

"This is all your fault! You grabbed Leslie and frightened Jamie," complained the little girl angrily while pointing at Daniel.

She was the oldest among the kids and had always been the one to take care of them. In other words, she was like a big sister to everyone, and all she wanted at that moment was to get justice for the young

ones.

Daniel's eyes bulged. He was furious to hear what the girl said.

If no one else were around, he would beat the kid up and teach her manners right then and there.

"Dr. Hopp, I can't deny that you are a great man who has accomplished much, but mistakes happen. You were wrong and should apologize accordingly," said Jack while

frowning at Daniel. The former didn't want to waste time on that matter.

Jack's instruction caused Daniel to stiffen. Given the power that the Damaris family held, the good doctor had no choice but to force an ugly smile on his face and turn his attention to Roxanne. "I was too impulsive earlier, Dr. Jarvis, and neglected to take the kid's weakened state into consideration. However, please trust that my actions only came from my concern, and please forgive me for that."

Naturally, Roxanne could tell just how reluctant he was to say those words. She didn't care, though. She simply grinned at Daniel and said, "I believe your intentions are pure, and I understand that you were in a tough position. The acupuncture point you aimed for is commonly known as the only one to stop pain, so I'm sure anyone else would do the same if put in your position. However, I am not the person you should apologize to. It's them you should apologize to."

After saying that, Roxanne moved to the side and revealed the kids hanging out beside the bed.

Their faces were still wet from the tears they shed earlier. Due to what happened to Jamie, the other kids were so worried that they forgot all about wiping their tears

away. Everyone surrounded the bed with damp cheeks.

Many doctors present were parents and seeing those teary eyes stung their hearts, making them ache so much that they couldn't even speak

Daniel stared at the kids in dissatisfaction, then turned to Jack, who was at the side.

The latter was frowning and staring pointedly at the former.

Obviously, he agreed with what Roxanne had said.

Daniel had no choice. He had to lower his stance and crouched down to face the kids. Trying to sound as sincere as possible, he said, "I am so sorry, kids. I was too worried earlier and frightened you. The truth is that I just wanted everyone to behave so I could cure you quickly."

The little girl stared for a few seconds before turning her attention to the two kids who were frightened earlier.

They nodded slowly

She wouldn't even look at Daniel until the kids had forgiven him. "Okay, then we will forgive you for it, but you must never scare us like that again. Jamie can't handle it."

Daniel forced another smile on his face and turned to face the crowd. It was almost as though he was telling them to back off now that he had apologized.

Everyone could tell that he wasn't sincere, but it was already significant progress for him, so no one complained.

Jack spoke up once more to put an end to everything. "Now that the issue is settled, please return to your stations. The kids are waiting for your treatment. Please also take this as a lesson. We must be patient with kids."

The crowd murmured affirmatively before returning to their cubicles.

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Once again, only the four of them were left in their cubicle.



Roxanne turned around to see how the kids were doing. Sweetly, she asked, "See, kids? The treatment isn't scary at all, right?"

As soon as she finished speaking, Jamie, who had just received treatment, raised his hand and answered, "It's true. It doesn't hurt at all, and I feel so much better now!"

The little girl had initially been a bit reluctant to receive treatment, but seeing Roxanne's attitude toward them made her feel more comfortable. Jamie's words put her at ease as well. "You're right. It's nothing to be scared of. Sorry for backing away earlier, Miss."

The other kids nodded in agreement.

Roxanne's heart melted when she saw that. She crouched down to stroke their tiny heads. "Everybody is doing great. I'm glad you're not scared anymore. Believe in us, okay? We will make sure that everybody will grow up happy and healthy."

The kids nodded obediently.

"Okay, who's next?" asked Roxanne as she stood up and pointed at the bed.

It didn't take long before a little boy stepped out from the crowd and climbed onto the bed.

That was the same boy who cried earlier when Daniel grabbed his arm.

Seeing all that made Daniel feel even worse.

Roxanne smiled warmly at the kid and had him lie down nicely before she checked his pulse.

The rest of the kids circled her, making it as though the other three doctors were invisible,

When Larry noticed that, he smiled in exasperation and cleared his throat. He reminded, "Kids, we are doctors as well and can cure you, too. Don't play favorites, okay?"

One of the kids heard what he said and glanced over before turning back to Roxanne.

Clearly, the kids preferred Roxanne.

Larry shook his head in exasperation and turned his attention to Jack, who was standing at the side.

All four doctors were stationed there, so it was not right to have Roxanne do all the work alone.

Worse still, there were too many children, and Roxanne would not be able to treat all of them, even if she were to work till night.

The recent events surrounding Roxanne had resulted in her capturing Jack's full attention.

His initial distrust toward her had changed to admiration, and now, an additional hint of respect had been added.

He could tell that Roxanne's heart was in the right place. She genuinely cared about the kids, and that was why she participated in the medical consultation. It was also why the kids were especially attached to her. Some of the kids were shy and refused to go to the other doctors, so there was a perpetual long queue near Roxanne.

Even after taking care of so many patients consecutively, Roxanne wasn't irritated or tired at all. She even managed to stop Daniel in time to prevent him from making the wrong decision.

All that work didn't eat away her patience, and she remained kind to the kids.

That quality was incredible, especially when found in a young doctor.

Meanwhile, Daniel was still upset with the earlier incident and was hoping Roxanne would get in trouble. He prayed that she would be forced to take care of all the kids, and seeing how they surrounded her made him grin. He wanted to see her get worn out. At that point, he no longer cared if they could get the job done that day.

Emotionally worn out, Larry sighed. He saw how the other two doctors were staring at Roxanne and were patiently waiting for Roxanne to finish up with Leslie's treatment. In a kind tone, he requested, "Roxanne, send some kids to us, will you? It's empty here, and those unaware of the situation might assume that we are here as observing interns. It's so embarrassing, and we won't be able to finish our task today if the situation remains this way."

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Roxanne tilted her head down and saw the kids surrounding her. They had heard what Larry said earlier, but they were still a little scared.

If possible, she wanted to treat the kids in person as well, but she had to stick to the schedule for the day. Being responsible for curing all the kids would mean that she likely wouldn't be able to finish today, even if she worked all night.

She was still heartbroken, but seeing the bigger picture encouraged her to coax the kids sweetly, "The doctors there can cure you too, little ones. They're nice. Remember how kind they were during the check-up?"

The kids turned to one another after hearing what Roxanne said, but no one wanted to take the first step forward.

Roxanne couldn't help feeling a little defeated when she saw their reaction. "If you insist on waiting for me, then some will not be treated today, and that is not ideal. I really hope that everyone can get their treatment today."

Hesitation engulfed the kids once more.

Just as Roxanne was struggling to find the words to convince them, the little girl, who was the leader, stepped forward. She obediently made her way to Larry's side and requested, "Please be gentle." Larry smiled warmly at her and stroked her head. "Got it. Thank you for trusting

me."

The girl smiled sweetly.

Now that someone had taken the first step, more and more kids began leaving Roxanne's side. They went to the other doctors.

Daniel was the only one left with absolutely no patient.

The kids might've claimed to have forgiven him, but they were still terrified of him, especially since he had a scowl on.

Daniel was even more infuriated when he saw how the kids were actively avoiding him.

He had been a traditional medicine practitioner for years, and that was the first time he wasn't coveted,

There was no way he would ask Roxanne for help after what had happened earlier, so he had no choice but to stand there stiffly. Quite a few kids were still hanging out around Roxanne.

She turned around and saw that Daniel was the only one without any patients, and that made her frown. Hesitation rose within her.

It was clear that the kids still feared him, but if no one went to him, the team's efficiency would remain low.

Roxanne hesitated for a few moments before curving her lips into a smile. "You can go to the good doctor there as well. He was only scary earlier because he was eager to cure everybody. Now that he has learned his lesson, will you give him a chance to redeem himself? He's very skilled and can cure you quickly."

After that, Roxanne shifted her gaze and smiled at Daniel, signaling him to do something

Daniel was taken aback.

S-She's actually speaking up for me? I was rude and mean to her earlier, but she's still willing to help me...

Daniel turned his attention to the kids and saw them staring at him with teary eyes. A stiff smile remained on his face, and it took him some time before he could finally put on a warmer and more approachable expression. "I was too impulsive earlier, kids, and I am sorry. I promise I will be more patient and won't hurt anyone anymore."

Still, the kids remained wary.

Roxanne's heart ached a little. She stood up and made her way to Daniel before gesturing for him to put his hand out.

He had no idea what she was planning, but he complied anyway.

A handful of colorful candies landed on his palm soon after.

"Come look! He has so many candies. If you behave and do as he says, you can have one," said Roxanne with a smile to get the kids to listen.

Despite the candy Daniel was holding, his smile still seemed a little awkward.

That made the kids scared. Unfortunately, they couldn't resist the sweet temptation, so they hesitantly made their way to him.

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After a bit of coordination, all four doctors were given some patients.

Roxanne breathed a sigh of relief and returned to her post to work away.

Silence descended upon the cubicle. Occasionally, the sounds of the kids joking and playing around rang out, but they kept it soft. It was almost as though they were worried about disturbing the doctors. The more Roxanne worked, the heavier her heart felt.

Their first round was a simple examination of the kids' pulse and getting an idea of how their health was. Those with more complicated medical issues would have to receive extra treatment.

When Roxanne first saw the abandoned kids, she was already heartbroken for them. Actually treating their condition made her feel even worse.

Some of the kids had milder issues and could be cured with some medicine or via acupuncture. Unfortunately, the doctors on site couldn't help those with more complicated issues. All they could do was send the kids to the hospital, where the Damaris family would pay for their medical fees.

The first few kids Roxanne treated all had mild issues, and she was just about to sigh in relief when she examined a kid with a more serious condition.

The kid was only about four or five years old and was around Archie's and Benny's age. His round, chubby face was tense with nervousness.

When Roxanne looked into those big, round eyes, her heart ached so much that she couldn't speak for a moment.

"Am I very sick?" asked the kid fearfully.

A lump lodged itself in Roxanne's throat. She didn't have the guts to answer that question because she worried that her voice would be thick with tears if she spoke.

The kid ended up consoling her instead. "It's fine. I'm just an orphan nobody loves anyway, so no one will be sad even if my condition is bad. Don't feel bad for me. Your eyes are getting all red with tears." The place was quiet, so everyone heard what the kid said.

Feeling helpless, Roxanne dug her fingers into her palms before turning around to ask the others for help.

She had lost a kid once and couldn't bear the situation before her now.

Lack paused. He made his way over to them and stroked the boy's head. "Don't worry. We'll take you to the hospital, and you will be fine."

The kid shifted his gaze and looked right at Roxanne. He wanted an answer from her.

Roxanne took a deep breath and suppressed her urge to cry. She made herself smile and promised, "You will be fine, and you are not a kid nobody loves. Once you've recovered, someone will come for you and adopt you. You will have a daddy and a mommy, and you will grow up happy and healthy. That is why you must be good and let us treat your illness, okay?"

The kid's eyes glowed at the mention of a daddy and a mommy. Eager and filled with anticipation, he asked, "Is it true? Will I really have a daddy and a mommy? Even though I am so sick?" Roxanne's heart clenched in her chest. The kid's words suggested that he knew exactly how bad his situation was. Yet, he was more worried about whether someone would love him

For a moment, Roxanne was tempted to take the kid away.

However, when she thought about how she couldn't give him a proper family, she had no choice but to shove that desire aside.

"You will be fine. Also, you're so cute that everyone will be fighting to have you," cooed Roxanne as she caressed his cheek.

The kid smiled brightly and nodded excitedly. He was so happy that his face was turning a little red.

Jack had participated in quite a few similar events, but his heart would still ache when he witnessed something like that. He had to take a few seconds to compose himself before he could shout at the workers outside. "Get someone to send the kid to a hospital."

Soon, a man showed up and smiled at the kid before offering his arms.

The boy got out of bed and obediently climbed into the worker's arms. Before he left, he turned around and waved at Roxanne. "Bye."

Then he looked at the other kids from the orphanage and bid them goodbye as well.

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All the kids became teary-eyed when they saw him leaving.

Roxanne also tilted her head down to hide her pain away.

Jack's voice came to her ears at that moment. "There are many similar cases, and all we can do is help them as much as possible. It is okay to be sad, but don't let it overwhelm you."

Roxanne understood the logic behind it, but actually dealing with it was still a little challenging



The kid earlier was extremely polite and kind, so it was even more difficult to accept his unfortunate fate.

Jack didn't say much else. He left her with a simple sentence. "There are other kids waiting for you." After saying that, he returned to his seat.

Roxanne took a deep breath and shifted her gaze down to look at the kids standing next to her.

Every single one of them was looking upward and staring at her with their big, round eyes. They were all on the verge of crying, and within those eyes was the most basic fear of all the fear of death. They were worried about the boy who left and also scared that they'd meet the same fate.

Seeing how terrified they were forced Roxanne to suppress her sorrow. Crouching down to look into the kids' eyes, she comforted them softly, "Don't worry, kids. We're here to protect you, so everyone will grow up safe and healthy. Your friend will be back soon as well."

After that, she turned around quickly. She couldn't bear to keep looking into their eyes, so she fumbled a little when she stood back up. Still, she pretended to be calm as she patted the bed and asked, "Okay, who's next?"

Quite a bit of time passed before a kid fearfully climbed onto the bed.

Roxanne glanced at him. Her heart was heavy when she treated him.

Fortunately, the rest of the kids she had with her had minor problems, and she could cure them on her own.

The bad news, however, was that the three other doctors there had to deal with quite a few kids in bad condition. Every now and then, someone would leave the place to

go to the hospital.

Everyone was understandably upset each time a kid left.

Daniel watched as more and more kids left, and the frown on his face became more intense.

At the end of the day, he was still a traditional medicine practitioner. He might get jealous easily and could be arrogant sometimes, but the kindness every doctor possessed remained alive within him. They worked until the afternoon when the orphanage served lunch in the cafeteria and had everyone go there.

Roxanne and the others stopped working, but their hearts remained heavy. They handled the remaining kids and took everyone to the cafeteria.

No one knew what had happened. Perhaps the kids who left Roxanne's and the other's cubicle had said something, but almost every kid in the orphanage was staring at Roxanne during lunch. The other doctors couldn't suppress their curiosity and were looking at her as well.

Sensing everybody's gaze, Roxanne felt as though she was sitting on pins and needles.

"Miss?" asked a kid as he cautiously approached Roxanne while still holding his tray of food.

Hearing that cute voice had Roxanne turning her attention to the kid. She smiled and asked, "What is it?"

The kid stared for a bit before asking, "The others said that the candy you gave out is delicious. Can I have one?"

Roxanne was stunned for a few seconds before she came around. She smiled and grabbed a few sweets from her purse before handing them to the kid. "Here are a few flavors. If you like them, I will bring more the next time I drop by."

The kid grinned shyly. He grabbed the drumstick from his tray and handed it to Roxanne before speaking in his sweet voice. "Thank you, Miss. I know you have been working hard as well, so here. I love drumsticks, but I'll give this one to you."

Roxanne was surprised when she heard what the kid said. When she returned to her senses, she smiled at the kid as a complex emotion bubbled up within her. "Thank you."

The kid smiled shyly before turning around and leaving

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"It looks like the little ones like you a lot, Roxanne."

Alongside Jack, Larry walked over with a plate of food in his hands and sat across from Roxanne. Roxanne greeted him by bobbing her head.

After smiling at Jack, she turned around and teased Larry, "I've more experience taking care of kids than you. Besides, I always carry some sweets just in case I need to use them to coax children. It's effective, isn't it?"

If it were not for the sweets, Roxanne believed the children would not have cooperated with her no matter how much they liked her.

Jack concurred, "It's indeed a good trick. We can use it on the children during our medical consultations next time."

Roxanne froze for a moment and pressed her lips into a thin line. "It's just something I learned from experience since I need to handle my kids."

Jack did not continue with the topic as he was more concerned with her mental state. "There will be more children coming in the afternoon. Do you want to take a break, Dr. Jarvis? You must be exhausted." Roxanne shook her head and gave a serious answer. "I can handle it. I'd undertaken tougher tasks when I was overseas. These kids need me, and I can't just walk away from them."

She came here today because she wanted to win the trust of the Damaris family. She also hoped to take this opportunity to convince the family to collaborate with her.

But after seeing how sickly the children were, Roxanne abandoned all her initial thoughts. She just wanted to try her best to treat those little ones.

All these children were almost the same age as Archie and Benny, and they reminded Roxanne of her two sons and the girl who had passed away at a young age.

Compared to the fate of these frail children, the exhaustion she experienced was nothing

Upon hearing that, Jack was astonished by the woman's determination.

To Jack, carrying out medical consultations round the clock was already an unbearable burden, even for a man. He could not picture how intense Roxanne's workload must have been when she was overseas.

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Out of curiosity, Jack turned to glance at Larry.

Larry nodded steadily. "You heard that right. The woman standing in front of you is a fighter."

Roxanne grinned but kept mum.

During the conversation, someone came up and sat beside them.

Roxanne whipped her head around in the person's direction and saw Daniel awkwardly sitting beside her.

When she saw Daniel's face, she instantly recalled how he treated her earlier and wondered if he had come to find fault with her again.

All the other doctors looked over. They even wished to bring their plates over and watch the drama unfold.

"Is there anything I can help you with, Dr. Hopp?" Larry initiated the conversation with Daniel as if he was trying to protect Roxanne.

Upon noticing the hostile tone in his voice, Daniel knitted his brows. He looked in Roxanne's direction and asked stiffly, "Why did you help me just now?"

That question took Roxanne by surprise.

"Why did you help me persuade the children even though I've been finding fault with you?" Daniel asked her another question.

Upon hearing that, Roxanne responded with a casual smile. "Because I believe you're not just a respected expert in traditional medicine but also an ethical doctor. You've been picking holes in everything I did, but I know you wouldn't vent your frustration on the kids. I'm sure you only wanted to give them the best treatment."

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Daniel looked at her in disbelief. He did not exactly believe what she said.

Even he himself felt he had gone overboard earlier. No one else would have been able to handle the situation as calmly as Roxanne did. Yet, it seemed she truly had not taken his words to heart.

Upon noticing the puzzled look on his face, Roxanne explained with a smile, "I've been in the industry for quite some years now, and I've encountered countless people who doubted me, and some of them even gave me terrible attitude. Thus, I wasn't bothered when you questioned my medical skills, but what annoyed me was how impatient you were with the kids. Since you've apologized, let's not dwell in the past anymore. I believe all the traditional medicine doctors are virtuous, and I also believe the Damaris family would have selected the best candidates for this mission."

The way the crowd looked at Roxanne instantly became friendlier when they heard what she said.

What Roxanne said was what they had in mind. They, too, believed that all traditional medicine practitioners were trustworthy and virtuous.

Even doctors were bound to make mistakes, but as long as they treated their patients sincerely, they deserved the professional title.

That was why no one dared to question Daniel's status even though he had been arrogant all these years.

Daniel was silent for a while and eventually responded with a nod. "I'm so used to being put on a pedestal that I failed to see the bigger picture. I'm sorry, Dr. Jarvis. Please forgive my demeanor earlier. I hope we can interact and get to know each other better."

Roxanne smiled and replied, "Sure."

"But Dr. Hopp, please don't frighten the kids in the afternoon anymore. They can't take it," she quipped.

Blushing in embarrassment, Daniel responded with a nod. "I was too impulsive in the morning. Thank goodness you stopped me. Otherwise, I wouldn't know how to face

the kid."

Now that Daniel had calmed himself down, he was overwhelmed by a pang of guilt for nearly paralyzing a child in the morning,

Roxanne gave him a comforting grin. "The kid is fine, so don't be too hard on yourself. Let's do our best to treat the other children in the afternoon!"

Daniel agreed without hesitation.

Jack arched his brows as he did not expect the two to reconcile their differences in such a short time. He felt there was something unusual about Roxanne.

After apologizing to Roxanne, Daniel turned around and looked at Jack. He apologized to Jack sincerely, "I'm sorry, Mr. Damaris. I nearly tarnished the Damaris family's reputation."

If words got out that the Damaris family was responsible for causing the child to become paralyzed, the news would have smeared the family's good name.

Jack instantly put on a serious face when Daniel mentioned the Damaris family. "You're right, but I can turn a blind eye to it since it was a false alarm. Dr. Hopp, I hope you can give your all to treat the children. The Damaris family organized this medical consultation for underprivileged children because we want to provide them with better healthcare services. That's why we gathered excellent doctors from all over the country to participate in the initiative. Please note that this is not a platform for you to compete with each other."

Jack had not raised his voice, but the doctors around him could hear him loud and clear.

They started responding to his remark. "Don't worry, Mr. Damaris. We'll do our best."

Jack gave the crowd a curt nod.

Roxanne took a sidelong glance at the people around her and realized they were no longer shooting doubtful and curious looks at her. Instead, the way they looked at her had become friendlier. Roxanne gave each of them a faint smile before continuing with her lunch.

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After the little interlude between Daniel and Roxanne, the meal could be considered a jovial one.

When lunch was over, the doctors grouped up according to their respective cubicles and walked back together. The children obediently followed behind. Many doctors had already formed a friendly bond with the children.

The children crowded around Roxanne, causing Jack and the others to find it rather hard to move along.

With some difficulty, they reached the entrance to their cubicle, and the candy in Roxanne's purse was nearly all gone.

When they entered, Daniel still had some candy left. Hence, he seemed more popular than Roxanne as the children crowded around him with smiles. They appeared to have forgotten the unhappy incident from the morning.

It was heartwarming for Roxanne to see the children growing so fond of Daniel.

She knew children well. They were not one to hold a grudge. No matter what one did to them, as long as one treated them sincerely, they would reciprocate with genuine affection. These children were just the same.

When Daniel had nearly given away all his candy, Roxanne clapped her hands and told the children to come back and line up. "Darlings, it's time for you to receive your treatment."

Fortunately, the children in the cubicle had complete trust in them by now, and they were obedient even without bribing them with candy. When they heard Roxanne's words, the little ones lined up almost immediately and waited quietly.

The four adults looked at the children and exchanged glances, smiling. Then they began to diagnose and treat the little kids.

Not long afterward, there was a cautious knocking on the cubicle door.

Everyone looked in the direction of the sound.

"Mr. Damaris, a batch of supplies was sent to the door of the orphanage, and we were informed that it is for us." The staff stood at the door, waiting for Jack's instructions. Everyone was stunned at this news,



The free medical consultation was already in progress, so why would someone suddenly send supplies?

Furthermore, Jack had not been informed of this beforehand.

After returning to his senses, Jack frowned and responded, "Ask them to return it to the sender, and tell them that the Damaris family will not accept any supplies provided by outside sources when giving out free medical consultations."

Over the years, for the sake of their patients' safety, most of the Damaris family's resources were procured by themselves. Even when supplies were needed, they would contact other prestigious families in advance and would not accept any donations from unknown sources.

After all, they could not ascertain that the materials donated were of good quality. If there was a problem with the materials, the Damaris family was responsible for the patients.

The staff member hesitated, asking, "It's from the Queen family. Should we reject it?"

At that, Jack and Larry turned to Roxanne instinctively.

Among them, Roxanne was the only person with any connection to the Queen family and the reason that they would donate supplies.

Even though the Damaris and Queen families were on good terms, the Queens had never offered any help to the Damaris family before. It was only after recommending Roxanne did they send materials. Hence, it was only logical for one to conclude that Roxanne was the reason.

Noticing the two's gaze, Roxanne quickly waved her hands with a bewildered expression on her face.

To her, it was good enough for the Queen family to recommend her. As for the donation of these materials, she had not heard either Alfred or Jonathan mention it.

Seeing Roxanne's reaction, the two finally understood what was going on.

Meanwhile, the staff was urging with caution, "Mr. Damaris, those materials..."

If those materials had been sent by anyone else, he would not hesitate to return them to the sender. However, knowing about the goodwill between the Queens and the Damaris family, he had to consult Jack first.