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"However, I also know how tough it is to study traditional Chinese medicine. Furthermore, my child is still so young, and... I don't want her to suffer. I just want her to grow up healthy and happy." Selena's words seemed to have impacted the doctor, for Andy lowered his gaze and stroked his beard silently.

"A normal person may think of traditional Chinese medicine as a tough subject to master, but how sure are you that traditional Chinese doctors don't take joy in studying it?" Andy exhaled slowly before he continued, "You should go back and reconsider my offer. I think it would be good if you asked for your daughter's opinion before giving me your answer."

Selena smiled. "There are tons of children who are just like my daughter, Doctor Werner. Is there a reason she caught your eye?"

"Your daughter is naturally talented. If she properly learns and sharpens her skills with me, I'm certain that she will be a great contributor to our field of medicine someday," he replied.

It felt good to hear someone calling her daughter talented, but Selena simply couldn't bear the thought of Juniper having to suffer in any way. "I'll go back and think about it," she finally said.

Meanwhile, Pierre paced back and forth in the room as he waited for Selena to return. No one dared to talk to him as he looked too grim and moody to be approached. He finally rushed over when Selena returned. "Are you okay? Did that old man do anything to you?"

Juniper chuckled as she watched them from aside. "You're finally back, Mommy! We nearly got dizzy from watching Daddy pace around in the room!"

Selena shifted her focus onto Juniper before she walked over and stroked the young girl's hair. I really don't want Juniper to go through those hardships, Selena thought.

"Well, what did the old man say? Did he agree to help you?" Pierre continued asking.

"He did. But he had one condition. He wanted Juniper to become his apprentice," Selena replied.

"What?!" Pierre was shocked as he hadn't expected the old man to be more interested in Juniper than Selena. "I don't think he has good intentions! Why would he want a young child to learn medicine under him? He probably has some hidden motives, right?" Pierre hastily pulled Juniper into his arms. "No way! I don't agree with this!"

"You're overthinking it..." Selena actually thought that the doctor sounded sincere about it. She heaved a long sigh.

Right then, the old man who had been taking care of their lodgings knocked on the door. He stood outside the door after Selena opened it and greeted him. "Sir, Madam, I thought you guys should know that the doctor rarely ever takes in apprentices under him. He believes that someone has to have some innate wisdom to be able to succeed in traditional Chinese medicine, so he has only accepted three apprentices throughout his life."

Selena gave the old man a warm smile. "We understand, mister."

"No, you don't. You guys have no idea how many people around this area would die to be the doctor's apprentice. The doctor only took an interest in your daughter because she's a smart and talented child." They had never seen the old man acting so emotionally. "But there's also another reason the doctor wants to take her in as his apprentice."

"Look! I told you! That old doctor's intentions aren't pure!" Pierre voiced out hastily. Selena threw him a glare, signaling for him to keep his mouth shut. Since when did this man get so talkative?

"Please tell me what's going on in the doctor's mind, mister. Why would he even think of taking a five-year-old as his apprentice? What can she learn at such a young age?"

"Doctor Werner's apprentices are all males. However, acupuncture and moxibustion are both practices that require the patient's clothes to be removed. It's hard for male doctors to use this practice with female patients, so these two skills are now on the verge of extinction.

The doctor has stopped seeing patients for years because he's trying to organize all his data and previous case files on acupuncture and moxibustion.

He hopes that someone will step up and popularize this treatment someday. He has already written a few books on it now, but it would be better if he could directly pass the art of this practice to someone else.

The practice might end up turning extinct if people only tried learning it from books. The doctor finally found hope when he saw your daughter. She isn't just talented; she's also a girl!"