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"Ah!"

The male director let out a piercing scream. He wanted to resist, but his body hurt; he couldn't move. He felt paralyzed.

He stumbled and fell to the floor. The buttons of his shirt broke under the pressure of his fat belly. He was in a sorry state.

Melissa witnessed everything indifferently.

Fortunately, she had immense knowledge and experience. She had expertly poked several acupuncture points in his body, making it impossible for the obscene lecher to get up.

Then, she tucked a strand of hair behind her ear and smiled at him.

"Sir, you are so weak. Perhaps there is a problem with your kidney. I advise you to get it checked sooner."

"You... Stop!"

The fat director grew furious. He grabbed the table beside him and propped himself on the chair.

"Don't think you can do whatever you want because the hospital values you. I let you be with me because I revered you. Do you think you can stay in the hospital forever?"

"Oh." Melissa shot a nasty look at the director. "I'm so scared."

With that, she turned around to leave.

"You! How dare you act so arrogant!" the director bellowed, clutching his chest. He was furious.

"Since you don't cherish the opportunity, you better go to the Emergency Department. Many people are desperate to work in the Internal Medicine Department of this hospital."

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Melissa arched an eyebrow. That meant she would work with Leilany again.

The arrangement seemed to work in her favor.

She ignored the director's screams and strutted out of the meeting room.

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"What's wrong with you? What happened to my husband? Why did he faint? Are you a doctor? I want to talk to your dean!" The woman lunged forward.

Leilany flinched back and pointed at the man on the bed.

"Ma'am, your husband only had bruises when you admitted him here. But he suddenly fainted. He needs immediate examination. I request you pay the fee first so we can proceed with the procedure."

"What?" The woman frowned and angrily stomped her foot. "My husband was fine when I brought him here. He fainted only after you checked him. You did something to him. This is a scam!"

"No, it's an emergency. We need to start immediate treatment, or your husband's life will be in danger."

Leilany tried her best to explain, but the woman didn't seem to listen to her.

She began screaming louder and waving her bag as if trying to assault Leilany.

Leilany glanced at the data on the medical equipment beside the bed and became anxious. The man's condition seemed to worsen, but she didn't know what to do. "Please calm down and try to understand what I am saying."

"Please calm down." Just then, a tall, slender figure appeared and comforted the woman.

"Dr. Wilde..." Leilany was startled. Her heart took a sprint in her chest.

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Lukas was incredibly handsome.

Seconds later, Leilany snapped out of the thought and followed Lukas to the bed.

The woman seemed to calm down. However, she was still impatient.

"My husband is a healthy man. I brought him to the hospital because he felt dizzy. But he passed out as soon as this doctor checked him."

The woman glared at Leilany.

Lukas lifted the blanket to check the patient's pulse. His brows furrowed as he examined him.

"From what I see, it looks like your husband might have cardiovascular disease. I suggest he gets a brain scan right away."

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A few seconds of silence ensued before the woman spoke.

"My husband has always had hypertension but that's about it. There is no need to check his brain. He is perfectly fine. You are so young and probably inexperienced. Perhaps there must be a mistake in your diagnosis."

"Please, you should respect our profession and not question our diagnosis. And as far as the patient's condition is concerned..."

Before Lukas could finish explaining himself, the machine onto which the patient was attached let out a beep.

Lukas flicked a nervous glance at the machine. He ran to the bed to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the patient. Then he looked at Leilany who was watching the whole thing in utter bewilderment.

"Go and ask the nurses of this hospital to bring emergency equipment," he ordered with a sense of urgency in his tone.

"Okay, I'll go and get them right away."

Leilany rushed to the nurse station hurriedly.

Although both Lukas and she were interns, he was far more experienced than her.

Melissa changed her clothes. As soon as she walked into the emergency room, she saw a patient going through an emergency treatment.

Walking over, she looked at the doctor, who was doing his rescuing, and asked patiently, "Please tell me the basic condition of the patient."

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Lukas was busy with cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but his expertise and professionalism allowed him to answer her while he carried on with his work.

"This man had symptoms of dizziness before he came to the hospital. Then he lost consciousness, and as of now, his vital signs are dropping sharply. From his close relation, I was informed he has had hypertension."

Melissa gave a small frown after hearing this. It was instantly evident to her what was wrong.

At this very moment, the emergency equipment arrived. Melissa began to do her rescue and worked on the man carefully.

"Leilany, you should make an appointment with the operating room now. When the patient's condition is stable, we will arrange the operation immediately. Please inform the brain experts of this hospital. I will do the operation with them, and..."

Melissa looked at Lukas and continued, "And Dr. Wilde... You should definitely help us with this operation."

Lukas nodded his approval. Then everyone got busy.

As they carried on, the patient's wife looked at them with stark fear. She wanted to ask something, but wasn't quite sure how to form the words.

When the doctors were wheeling her husband to the operating room, she held Melissa's clothes in pursuit of grabbing her attention.

"Doctor, what's wrong with my husband? Why has he fallen seriously ill all of a sudden?"

After a short pause, she asked the question that was eating her alive. "Will he die?" she stammered.

Before Melissa could respond, the woman went on, "Doctor, he is a very healthy man. He goes to the park every day..."

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"The patient has an acute cerebral hemorrhage." Melissa went on, "There is no time to be wasted. He should have an operation immediately. Otherwise, he will be in great danger."

Then she trotted to the patient.

This operation was risky and time-consuming. Ten hours had passed before they were done with it.

Melissa had experience performing such operations but she was tired nevertheless.

She sat slouched on the bench as soon as she got off the operating room. Before she could take a deep breath, that woman rushed to her.

"Doctor, is my husband all right? He..."

"Yes, he is perfectly fine. The operation was a success." Melissa waved her hand. "He needs to stay in ICU for observation for a few days. When he feels well, he will go to the general ward."

The woman breathed a sigh of relief after hearing this and grabbed Melissa's arm.

"Thank you, thank you, doctor. If it weren't for you, my husband would have died. You saved his life."

"No, no. I am simply performing my duty."

Melissa was surprised at the sudden outpouring of appreciation and stood up immediately. Then her eyes went to the figures coming out of the operating room.

She pointed at them and said, "You should thank Dr. Smith and Dr. Wilde. Dr. Wilde gave the first aid in time."

"Thank you, thank you."

The woman thanked each one of them before she left with her husband.

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Dr. Smith took off his mask and looked at Melissa with admiration.

"I've heard that Dr. Sherman is very famous in Andeport. Today I had the privilege of knowing why. You are indeed very skilled. How about working in our hospital?"

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Melissa graciously smiled. "I can't say that I'm as sophisticated as you, Dr. Smith. This time, I was just fortunate."

"You're being overly humble," Dr. Smith smiled and softly said. "I have to handle other things. Bye, Dr. Sherman."

"Goodbye, Dr. Smith."

Melissa was relieved to see Dr. Smith go.

She went to the locker room to take off her uniform. She felt exhausted.

She had just walked a few feet after coming out of the locker room when she heard a voice behind her.

"Dr. Sherman."

Melissa was curious as to who this person was.

She looked around, weary, and eventually spotted a person standing not far away from her.

She was shocked to see that it was Dr. Wilde.

"Do you need anything, Dr. Wilde?"

"You still remember me, Dr. Sherman?" Lukas asked, his face beaming with excitement. "You were studying abroad when I ran into you. Although we both had the same mentor, I'm a few years behind you. Our professor had always praised you for being capable."

He looked like a young college student as he talked, his hand raised and scratching his head.

Melissa had a flash of recognition when she realized they were

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both schoolmates. No wonder he looked familiar to her.

While Melissa did attend a medical university overseas, most of her time was spent in hospitals.

"I'm sorry. I didn't recognize your face until now."

"It's okay, Dr. Sherman. I should've said hello to you first." After a moment of hesitation, Lukas asked meekly, "Well, Dr. Sherman, may I invite you to dinner when you are not busy or when we go back to Andeport?"

"Sure. I currently have an intern working with me. You two should share a lot of interests. We can all go out together," Melissa readily agreed.

She found it difficult to refuse her junior schoolmate. On the other hand, she could pair up Leilany with him.

Melissa smiled and tapped him on the shoulder.

"That's a deal then. You did great this time. You have everything it takes to become a good doctor."

"Thank you, Dr. Sherman."

Lukas bowed down, and his face turned red. His expression was a big shift from when he was calmly doing the procedure earlier.

When he finally came around, he realized Melissa had already left.

As he watched her receding figure walk away, his face showed a glimmer of adoration and a sentiment that was hard to describe.

He had looked up to Melissa while he was studying abroad. Following his graduation, he followed her to Andeport after hearing that she had returned, wanting to be near his idol.

He clenched his hand and muttered, "I'll do my best to catch up to you, Dr. Sherman."

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Melissa couldn't remember how she got back to the lounge since she was too tired. She just felt like all of her joints hurt.

This hospital had no private offices for the medical assistance team, just a shared lounge.

She saw many people staring at her with animosity as soon as she walked in. Most of them were doctors who had been quietly complaining about her on the day of departure.

"Dr. Sherman, come over here." Leilany smiled and waved at her from where she was sitting. "I have some tea here for you. You seem tired. Come try some."

"Okay." Melissa nodded and walked directly to Leilany, disregarding those people giving her hard stares. "You came back so quickly."

"I have long legs," Leilany joked.

She said this while pointing to her legs.

Melissa laughed and drank some tea.

"You're hilarious," Melissa remarked.

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"No. I'm being completely honest." Leilany took a deep breath and offered Melissa a biscuit.

When Melissa was about to extend her hand, a voice quickly spoke out.

"Wow. Interns nowadays consistently impress me with their wit and intelligence. They're so savvy that they even know who to flatter."

"Yes, you're right. We're no match for her."

"The one the intern flatters is the director's woman. This was our first day in this hospital, but she caught other people's attention by performing that difficult operation. It seemed like all she wanted was to tell the whole world how capable she is."

All the staff felt jealous.

Melissa's expression changed. She then looked at those senior doctors and started laughing.

Those people's eyes widened. "What exactly are you laughing about?"

"I find you guys dumb," Melissa said disdainfully. "You guys would be directors right now if you focused on your work. If so, you wouldn't be worried that nobody will fawn on you."

Melissa had a point. What she said made perfect sense.

"Yes!" Leilany stood up and agreed as well.

Those doctors didn't appeal to her, especially since they intimidated young interns at the Andeport hospital. Now that

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they worked at the new hospital, they were still berating their colleagues. It was terrible.

"You guys are all jealous of Dr. Sherman. You don't want to improve yourself, so you criticize other people. Dr. Sherman is certainly superior to you! Also, she put forth more effort than any of you did."

"You! You sure you're not wrong?" After hearing Leilany's statements, one female doctor stood up. "You just wait. We'll give you a lesson in rules and respect when we get back to Andeport! After all, we're seniors in the hospital. Is the hospital going to fire you or us?"

The doctor then departed with other physicians.

"I'll wait. I'm not scared of you," Leilany remarked, giving them a hard stare.

"Well, they've all left." Melissa offered Leilany comfort.

Leilany was a kind and outgoing girl. In some ways, it was a good thing, but it was awful sometimes.

She was still young and unafraid of anything. Whatever she wanted to say, she always said it. It was also possible that Leilany wasn't scared of anything because she came from a prominent family.

A woman like Leilany, however, would encounter many naysayers at the hospital.

"Dr. Sherman, I find them repulsive. I won't stand by and watch them badmouth you." Leilany pursed her lips.

"I know. Thank you." Melissa added softly, "However, you should know that saying such a thing may get you in serious trouble. You don't need to mention this. You know that, right? You should pay close attention to this moving forward."

"Ah yes, I'll remember it."

Leilany nodded. She continued to chew on the biscuit as she

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sat back down. She had a sweet, youthful appearance.

She looked much younger than she was.

Melissa shook her head. As Leilany had treated her like a sister, Melissa owed it to her to look out for her.

She had performed a major operation that day and was exhausted. So she returned to the hotel early to get some rest. A man followed her into the elevator after she stepped inside.

"Everett?" Melissa looked up at the man before her. She went to the corner and stood there. "Doesn't your room have its private elevator?"

"I want to take this one," Everett said, pressing his lips together.

Afterward, he looked down and rested his arm on the elevator's railing before enveloping Melissa in his arms.

"Why are you feeling so anxious? Are you afraid I'll do anything to you?"