

Chapter 529 The Secret In the Basement (Part One)

"Jesus!" With eyes wide in excitement, Mona continuously exclaimed, "You need to see this! Precious herbs, ginseng, and even Collybia albuminosa. It's like we've found a treasure trove here!"

Melissa nodded in agreement. "I think so too!"

Mona went to her and looked at the paper in her hand. "Maybe one of these pieces of paper contains the prescription for the poison."

Melissa checked the paper and realized that she had been distracted enough by the fascinating array of herbs not to pay close attention to the information in front of her.

Upon reading all the prescriptions, Melissa was surprised to find the method to cure her poison. And the needed herbs listed on the paper could be found in this cabinet.

"Great, mission accomplished! Although, I'm curious, if your mother had the antidote, did she create this poison by chance?" Mona asked curiously.

Melissa couldn't help but ponder on this thought as she looked for the medicine. But how could her mother do that? What kind of person was she? Was she really the one who created that poison?

"Dr. Sherman, let's not dwell on that right now. Our priority is to decoct these herbs as soon as possible and cure you," Mona urged, sensing Melissa's apprehension.

"Okay."

As Melissa walked up to the ground floor with the herbs and prescription in her hands, she heard someone knocking at the door.

"Hurry up," she urged.

Melissa believed that her mother had a reason to set up such a secret basement. She didn't want anyone to discover it.

She quickly pulled Mona up and closed the wall and ground with her jade pendant, sealing it shut. With the prescription and herbs safely in Mona's hands, Melissa hurried to answer the door.

"Dr. Sherman, were you busy? What took you so long?"

Elin poked her head inside.

"Nothing. I was just writing and I didn't want to break my train of thought. So I came to open the door for you when I finished," Melissa said calmly.

"Okay." Elin nodded suspiciously. "Have you found anything strange in this room?"

Melissa sensed that Elin's words carried more weight than she let on, so she put on a friendly smile and replied, "Of course."

Elin appeared to grow nervous and asked, "What do you mean?"

Melissa turned her gaze back toward the room and said, "I can't help but feel a bit uneasy living here. The decorations are quite luxurious, and it feels almost too extravagant."

Elin seemed taken aback by her comment. "Uneasy? Mrs. Carter arranged this room for you because it was not good for you to live elsewhere. How could it make you feel uneasy?"

"Elin, is that why you came to me?" Melissa asked, sensing that there was something more she wanted to say.

Elin hesitated for a moment before responding, "Well, no. This house was left by Miss Susie Carter, and I've heard that there's a secret basement where Mrs. Carter and her daughter used to conduct their research. There are supposedly many valuable items stored down there."

Pretending to be surprised, Melissa exclaimed, "Really? You mean there are treasures in the basement of this house? Then why did Mrs. Carter arrange for us to live here? What if I take the treasure away?"

Elin chuckled. "I highly doubt that, Dr. Sherman. Besides, the basement is

heavily secured. Mrs. Carter used the most expensive materials to ensure its security. And it's very deep, so it's not easy to get in. I'm sure she trusts you enough to not steal anything."

Melissa nodded, still feeling curious. "I see. So, only Mrs. Carter can access the basement then?"

Elin shook her head. "Actually, when Miss Carter left, she took the key with her. So, even Mrs. Carter cannot enter the basement now."