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A female DOCTOR sits on a wheeled chair in the corner of the room and looks through Cindy's file.

DOCTOR

You can put your clothes on the chair.

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Cindy does.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

How are you doing?

CINDY

Okay...

The DOCTOR wheels over to the table in the center of the room. She pulls out a clean sheet of examination table paper.

DOCTOR

I'm going to have you lie up here, and put your feet in the stirrups.

Cindy gets on the table, looks over at a tray of instruments.

The Doctor pulls a mask up over her face - the vacuum aspirator on a wheeled base. Cindy focuses her gaze at the corrugated ceiling, dim light.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

CINDY

Yeah.

The Doctor touches Cindy's knee to spread her legs, picks up an instrument off the table.

DOCTOR

I want you to try and relax. This is going to be a little cold.

The Doctor inserts a speculum into Cindy's vagina.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

There, take a deep breath... What do you do?

CINDY

I'm a student...

DOCTOR

What are you studying?

The Doctor dips a long swab into a solution, inserts it into her vagina.

CINDY

I'm studying to be a DOCTOR...

DOCTOR

That's what I studied.

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She laughs. Cindy doesn't know what to do with her eyes. The Doctor picks up a syringe.

CINDY

What's that?

DOCTOR

This is a mild anesthetic for your cervix. You're going to feel a pinch and then it's going to feel like electricity.

Cindy looks back up at the ceiling. She steady's her breath.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Can you cough for me.

Cindy coughs.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Good... Why do you want to be a Doctor?

Wheels move across the linoleum floor. The
Doctor positions
the vacuum aspirator.

CINDY

Because... I always thought... it would
be wonderful to take a sick child and...

Cindy cuts herself off. The Doctor holds a
hose.

DOCTOR

And what?

CINDY

...heal them...

DOCTOR

Cindy, I'm going to begin the procedure.
It won't take long. You may feel a little
cramping.

The Doctor turns on the vacuum. Panic flushes
Cindy's face.
Her eyes widen.

CINDY

Wait... wait.