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SCENE 7: THE LIBRARY

DR. CRAVEN

I'll speak with Mary alone, Medlock.

MARY

Chhoro mujhe! (*leave me alone*) I'm going outside.

DR. CRAVEN

(*Grabbing her*)

You're going wherever I send you, young lady, and right this moment it's into that chair.

MARY

Uncle Archibald said I didn't have to go to a school.

DR. CRAVEN

Oh for God's sake. He doesn't care about you. All he wants is never to see you again. Why do you think he left without even saying goodbye to you.

MARY

Maybe he was in a hurry.

DR. CRAVEN

You drove him away. You remind him of his wife.

MARY

I look like my Aunt Lily?

DR. CRAVEN

Now it is my task to find you a suitable place to go so that my brother can return. The next school I will contact will send no representative. Your bags will be packed and you will leave Saturday week.

MARY

But I can't leave now. Colin needs me.

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DR. CRAVEN

The last thing the boy needs is you. Another month of trying to keep up with you and we'll have to put him in a hospital, or worse.

MARY

No, you won't. He's much better.

DR. CRAVEN

You have no idea how ill he is. When Colin was born, the midwife didn't expect him to live a week. But I have kept the boy alive for ten years. Only now, thanks to you, he is in grave danger of relapse.

MARY

But you haven't seen how...

DR. CRAVEN

Do you want him in hospital? Do you want him to die?

MARY

To die?

DR. CRAVEN

Yes! To die. If Colin is too active at this stage in his recovery, if you push him to take his first step too soon, before his heart is strong enough, he will not survive it. Do you understand, Mary? Colin's very life is in your hands.

And suddenly, GUMPTA and MAJOR HOLMES appear.

DR. CRAVEN

One moment, he would be chatting away, and the next moment, he would sink to the ground and die.

MARY

And die?

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DR. CRAVEN

Yes! You *have* choices in your life. Colin does not. I will not see the boy in hospital for the rest of his life, or dead before his life even begins. You must go, and go you will. Now that is all I have to say to you.

(She doesn't leave.)

DR. CRAVEN

Why are you standing here? Are you quite amused to learn of your power?

MARY

I didn't do anything. You locked him in his room.

DR. CRAVEN

You may go.

MARY

You don't want Colin to get well at all. You want him to die so you can have this house.

(Suddenly, DR. CRAVEN raises his arm, as though to hit Mary.)

DR. CRAVEN

(Screaming)

You will leave Saturday week!