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INT. PRACTICE ROOM - DAY

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Fei (16, British-Chinese girl) plays a violin alone in the dark room. She plays beautifully, intensely.

She finishes the piece.

MR. GRIMSBY  
(reverently)  
Look at this, everybody. A Watson-  
Phillips.

Fei smiles proudly.

Grimsby looks closer at the instrument.

MR. GRIMSBY (CONT'D)  
No knock offs, right Miss Fei?...no  
foreign knock-offs?

Fei's eyes widen. She shakes her head slowly.

MR. GRIMSBY (CONT'D)  
Good, good...

Grimsby winks at Fei. He hands back the violin. Fei's smile returns, though with a slight unease.

Fei scratches at her hickey. Outside the window, Fei sees a DOPPELGANGER walk by. She jumps.

MR. GRIMSBY (CONT'D)  
(shouting to everyone)  
Let's take it...4 bars from the  
violin solo.

Fei's face lights up in excitement. She raises her violin to her chin. She puts her bow to string, ready to show off.

A knock at the door. Fei scowls, annoyed to be interrupted.

MEI (16, British-Chinese) walks in holding a violin case and gives a shy wave. (Physically, she looks very different from Fei.)

MR. GRIMSBY (CONT'D)  
(delighted)  
A new violinist? Welcome, welcome!

Fei turns to look at Mei walking in. Her eyes widen slightly in

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MR. GRIMSBY (CONT'D)  
(shouted to everyone)  
Chair test tomorrow!

The orchestra groans. Fei looks up at Mr. Grimsby in shock.  
She scratches her neck urgently.

GRIMSBY  
(smiling at Mei)  
What better way to welcome ou

Dawei (48), Xi aoyan (47), Nai nai (72), and FEI ? si t



Fei CHOKES over the last one. Xi aoyan thu

Mei takes a deep breath and draws her bow to string. She plays  
beautifully, lyrically and sweetly. Grimsby is  
impressed.

The orchestra looks impressed.

Fei's face darkens as he watches Mei's prowess.

It's her turn. Fei plays the violin. Grimsby



Fei breathes heavily, overwhelmed by the events.

MR. GRIMSBY (CONT'D)

8a INT. DIFFERENT STAIRWAY - DAY 8a

Fei speeds down the stairs. From a distance, Mei follows.

9 INT. LI FAMILY DINING ROOM - EVENING 9

Fei bursts in the room.

The family sit at dinner again, laughing, hissing loudly. A long SNAKE with black hair sits facing away from the door. Its tail whips around violently.

XIAOYAN

Fei fei! How was chair test? We met  
another one of your lovely friends,  
why can't you be as smooth and  
green as hj

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The creatures hiss. They repeat Fei's words, then the words of Grimsby, parents. It's set to a Chinese percussive beat.

CREATURE FEIS

Muh muh muh Mei Mei Mei Fuh fuh fuh  
Fei Fei Fei.  
Knock off knock off knock her off.

Fei is mesmerized listening to them. She's fallen under their spell. She walks toward them.

Then, the door opens and a voice behind her.

MEI

(nervous, frustrated)

Fei...? We've been looking for you.  
The concert's about to start!

Fei turns around slowly. She has a dark look on her face, almost murderous. She CHANTS along with the creatures, caught up in their rhythm.

Fei takes a few menacing steps

Fei steps on Mei's arm, pushing down. Mei cries out in pain.  
Fei looks down at her with an evil look on her face.

MEI  
Fei! Stop! You're hurting me!

Fei looks around at the chanting creatures, getting louder and louder. She covers her ears.

MEI (CONT'D)  
You hear them too, don't you Fei?

Fei looks back at Mei, shocked.

FEI  
W-what?

MEI  
They say terrible things, don't they?

Fei seems uncertain, tormented.

She STOMPS down.

Then a terrible CRACK.

The creatures gasp.

MEI (CONT'D)  
Fei...

Mei sits up, she looks unhurt. We see that what Fei broke was her own violin.

MEI (CONT'D)  
(softly)  
They say such terrible things.

Fei looks at the broken pieces of the violin. She starts crying.

The girls are silent for a long moment before Fei asks:

FEI



Mei and Fei take their seats. They are laughing and tuning up their instruments.

The two girls begin to play- a beautiful, unearthly sound. The orchestra join in, accompanying them. The music turns into a joyful Chinese folk song.

Mr. Grimsby staggers backwards from them. He falls to his knees, eyes filled with tears of wonder, DROOL dripping from his mouth.

The audience cheers wildly as the music swells. Fei's parents stare at the scene in shock. Then they stand and clap, delighted. The two girls look radiant on stage.