

In a studio where SHANNON, 21, is rehearsing for her debut performance when her tinnitus happens

SHANNON
(Lyrics for a song)

DAVE, 28, a vocal coach, notices her unusual voice and pitch. He pauses the music and walks towards her.

DAVE
Stop stop stop stop... What is wrong with your pitch? You are off by half a pitch! What happened to you today?

Shannon, being unable to hear, stares at her coach.

SHANNON
...Ok...I'll take note

DAVE
Huh? We have no time for this Shannon. I'll give you a 10 mins break and we'll start again soon.

SHANNON
Okay...I'll take note

DAVE
(Having a suspicion)
... Can you...hear what I'm saying?

SHANNON
Okay...I'll take note

DAVE
Shannon...

Shannon, suspecting that Dave has found out about her condition, stares at him and sigh.

SHANNON
Tinnitus. It happens once in a while. For a short period of time, I'll have ringing in my ears and I won't be able to hear...

Now, I think it's gone. Don't worry... The doctor says if I take my medicine regularly and treat it well, it'll occur less frequently.

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SHANNON (cont'd)
Now, lets continue with our
practice?

Shannon turns away from Dave and walks towards the sound system.

DAVE
(Concern)
How long has it been like this?

SHANNON
2 months

DAVE
And if it is not treated well, your
hearing could be lost forever?

Shannon kept silent, rewinding the soundtrack on the computer.

DAVE
What if it happens on the stage?

SHANNON
(Turns back to look at Dave)
I...I wouldn't be so unlucky... the
possibility of that happening on
stage is a million to one.

DAVE
(Walks towards Shannon)
Okay look, You are a really good
composer. What about you give up on
performing and just focus on
composing music? Your hearing
wouldn't be a problem then.

SHANNON
I've waited so long for this
chance. I will not give up on the
performance. I will eliminate my
weaknesses. I will learn how to
perfect the pitch even if I can't
hear. Please, at least for this
performance, I want to give it a
try.

DAVE
And what if everyone finds out
about your condition?

SHANNON

You know...you said before, that I'm talented, that one day I'll be famous, that you wouldn't give up on me. Does it still count?

I want to take the risk. I want to at the very least try, and have hope. But if things doesn't go my way... Then I'll have to accept it.

DAVE

(gives Shannon a hug)
I will not let that happen.