

#2 The Man of Medicine and the Girl

A man of medicine who was dedicated to helping and healing people came upon a little girl in the forest who had hurt herself. She had brushed her leg against a poison plant and it had already started to become infected. The good doctor quickly took charge. As he examined her leg, he comforted the little girl saying, "I do not know about this poisonous plant, so be patient while I try many possible medicines to see which one will heal you." Surprised at this, the little girl asked the doctor, "Why not just ask the Forest Spirit? He knows every plant and herb and their uses." The doctor recoiled as one who has tasted something

bitter. Seeing the problem, the little girl offered the advice, "Why then good doctor, shall I ask the Forest Spirit for you? He is quite close and is already telling me that this herb beneath our feet will heal me. After all, is it not better to know what to do than to try in vain?"

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