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IL-FINTUSA

L-ANTI KIENU JAHSDU LI IL-MARD TISTA TOHORGU BARRA MILL-GISEM, GHALHEKK KIENU JAGHTU MEDICINI BIEX JOHROG L-GHARAQ, TIZDIED L-AWRINA, JIRRIMETTU, JIPPURGAW, INEHHU D-DEMM BIS-SANGISUGA, U JUZAW IL-FINTUSA. META XI HADD KELLU RIH JEW UGIGH KIENU JGHAMLU L-FINTUSA. DIN KIENET BICCA XEMGHA CKEJKNA MWAHHLA FUQ SITT HABBIET, JEW BICCA CARRUTA CKEJKNA MDAWRA MA SITT HABBIET GHALL-PIZ, IMGAPPSA BIZ-ZEJT, ITUHA N-NAR, U MINNUFTH JAGHFSU FUQHA TAZZA TAL-PONG. IN-NAR JIEHU L-OSSIGENU, U L-ARJA GOT-TAZZA TONQOS, WAQT LI TIGBED MAGHHA IL-GILD L-FUQ, U TAGHTI L-IMPRESSJONI LI ID-DENI KIEN QED JINGIBED IL-BARRA MILL-GISEM.

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CUPPING

MUCH OF MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE PAST WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL DISEASE COULD BE EXTRACTED FROM THE BODY, AND PHYSICIANS RESORTED TO BLEEDING THE PATIENT, GAVE HIM DIURETICS, LAXATIVES, SUDORIFICS, EXPECTORANTS AND OTHER TREATMENT TO EXTRACT ALL EVIL WITH THE BODY FLUIDS AND HEAT. AMONGST OTHER THINGS, CUPPING WAS ALSO RESORTED TO. THIS CONSISTED OF A SMALL PIECE OF CANDLE OR OILED CLOTH, WEIGHED BY A COIN, PLACED ON THE BACK OR OTHER SITE OF THE PATIENT, AND LIGHTED. A SOLID TUMBLER WAS PLACED UPSIDE DOWN ON IT, AND AS THE OXYGEN DECREASED, NEGATIVE PRESSURE DREW UP THE SKIN, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EVIL IS BEING DRAWN OUT OF THE BODY.