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A young woman tells her father, himself a geneticist, that she and her sister have undergone a genetic ancestry test despite his many warnings against it. Sensing his daughter's apprehension, he tells her how, through his work, he came to understand the significance of genetics in identity research. The authors reveal the progress that has been made in genetics, the wealth of information it has to offer, and the numerous applications awaiting it in a globalized, digitized world.