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佚名

梁大同末，遣平南将军藺钦南征，至桂林，破李师古陈彻。别将欧阳纥略地至长乐，悉平诸洞，深入深阻。纥妻纁白，甚美。其部人曰：“将军何为挈丽人经此？地有神，善窃少女，而美者尤所难免。宜谨护之。”纥甚疑惧，夜勒兵环其庐，匿妇密室中，谨闭甚固，而以女奴十余伺守之。尔夕，阴风晦黑，至五更，寂然无闻。守者怠而假寐，忽若有物惊悟者，即已失妻矣。关扃如故，莫知所出。出门山险，咫尺迷闷，不可寻逐。迫明，绝无其迹。纥大愤痛，誓不徒还。因

THE WHITE MONKEY

Anonymous

In 545 A.D., during the Liang Dynasty, the emperor sent general Lin Qin on an expedition to the south. He went as far as Guilin, and wiped out the rebel forces of Li Shigu and Chen Che. At the same time his lieutenant Ouyang He fought his way as far as Changle, conquering all the cavedwellers there and leading his army deep into difficult terrain.

Now Ouyang's wife had a white skin and was very beautiful and delicate.

"You should not have brought such a beautiful wife here," his men told him. "There is a god in these parts who carries off young women, especially good-looking ones. You had better guard her carefully."

Ouyang took fright. That night he set guards around the house, and hid his wife in a closely guarded inner chamber with a dozen maid-servants on watch. During the night a high wind sprang up and the sky turned dark, but nothing happened and shortly before dawn the exhausted guards dozed off. Suddenly, however, they were startled from their sleep, only to find that Ouyang's wife had disappeared. The door was still locked, and no one knew how she had got out. They started looking outside on the steep hillside, but a thick fog blotted out everything at one yard's distance, making it impossible to continue the search. Then dawn came, but

辞疾，驻其军，日往四遐，即深陵险以索之。既逾月，忽于百里之外丛筱上，得其妻绣履一只，虽侵雨濡，犹可辨识。纥尤凄悼，求之益坚。选壮士三十人，持兵负粮，岩栖野食。又旬余，远所舍约二百里，南望一山，葱秀迥出。至其下，有深溪环之，乃编木以度。绝岩翠竹之间，时见红彩，闻笑语音。扞萝引绲，而陟其上，则嘉树列植，间以名花，其下绿芜，丰软如毯。清迥岑寂，杳然殊境。东向石门有妇人数十，帔服鲜泽，嬉游歌笑，出入其中。见人皆慢视迟立，至则问曰：“何因来此？”纥具以对。相视叹曰：“贤妻至此月余矣。今病在床，宜遣视之。”入其门，

still they could find no trace of her.

In great anger and grief Ouyang swore that he would not return alone. On pretext of sickness he stationed his troops there, and sent them out daily in all directions to search the valleys and heights for his wife. A month later, on a bush some thirty miles away, they found one of her embroidered shoes which, though soaked by rain, was still recognizable. Overcome with grief, Ouyang intensified the search, taking thirty picked aimed men with rations to scour the hills. After another ten days, they reached a place about seventy miles from their camp from where they could see a green, treeclad mountain to the south which towered above the other hills. When they came to the foot of this mountain, they found it surrounded by a deep stream, which they had to build a little bridge to cross. Between the precipices and emerald bamboos they caught glimpses of coloured dresses and heard the sound of women talking and laughing. When they pulled themselves up the cliffs by vines and ropes, they found green trees planted in avenues with rare flowers between them, and a verdant meadow fresh and soft as a carpet. It was a quiet, secluded, unearthly retreat. There was a gate to the east, hewn in the rock, through which several dozen women in bright new dresses and shawls could be seen passing — singing and laughing as they went. When they saw the strangers, they stopped to stare. And when the men went up to them, the women asked what had brought them there.

After Ouyang had told them, the women looked at each other

以木为扉。中宽辟若堂者三。四壁设床，悉施锦荐。其妻卧石榻上，重茵累席，珍食盈前。纥就视之。回眸一睇，即疾挥手令去。诸妇人曰：“我等与公之妻，比来久者十年。此神物所居，力能杀人，虽百夫操兵，不能制也。幸其未返，宜速避之。但求美酒两斛，食犬十头，麻数十斤，当相与谋杀之。其来必以正午后，慎勿太早。以十日为期。”因促之去。纥亦遽退。遂求醇醪与麻犬，如期而往。妇人曰：“彼好酒，往往致醉。醉必骋力，俾吾等以彩练缚手足于床，一踊皆断。尝纫三幅，则力尽不解。今麻隐帛中束之，度不能矣。遍体皆如铁，唯脐下数寸，常护蔽之，此必不能御兵刃。”指其旁一岩曰：“此其食廩。当隐于是，静而伺之。酒置花下，犬散林中，待吾计成，招之即出。”如其言，屏气以

and sighed. "Your wife has been here over a month," they said. "Just now she is sick in bed. You may go and see her." Passing through a wooden door in the stone gate, Ouyang saw three spacious enclosures where couches strewn with silk cushions had been placed by the walls. His wife was lying on a bed spread with matting and rugs, with rich food placed before her. At Ouyang's approach she turned and saw him, but signed to him to leave. "Some of us have been here for ten years already," the other women told him, "while your wife has only just arrived. This is where the monster lives. He is a mankiller, and even a hundred armed men are no match for him. You had better slip away before he comes back. If you will let us have forty gallons of potent wine, ten dogs for him to eat, and several dozen catties of hemp, we shall be able to kill him. You had better come at noon, not earlier, ten days from now." They urged him to leave quickly, and Ouyang did so.

He was back again on the appointed day bringing with him the strong liquor, hemp and dogs. "The monster is a great drinker," the women said, "and likes to drink himself silly. When he is drunk he always wants to test his strength, and tells us to fasten his arms and legs with silken ropes as he lies on the couch. Then he frees himself with one leap. But once we twisted three ropes together, and he couldn't break them. Now if we twist hemp inside the silk, we are sure he will never be able to snap it. His whole body is like iron, but he has always protected those few inches under his navel; it must mean that he is vulnerable there."

俟。日晡，有物如匹练，自他山下，透至若飞，径入洞中。少选，有美髯丈夫长六尺余，白衣曳杖，拥诸妇人而出。见犬惊视，腾身执之，披裂吮咀，食之致饱。妇人竞以玉杯进酒，谐笑甚欢。既饮数斗，则扶之而去。又闻嬉笑之音。良久，妇人出招之，乃持兵而入。见大白猿，缚四足于床头，顾人蹙缩，求脱不得，目光如电。竞兵之，如中铁石。刺其脐下，即饮刃，血射如注。乃大叹咤曰：“此天杀我，岂尔之能。然尔妇已孕，勿杀其子，将逢圣帝，必大其宗。”言绝乃