

FLYING EAGLE CLIFF

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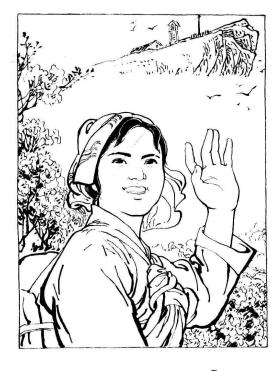
The Story

Flying Eagle Cliff is the story of Azalea, daughter of a poor peasant of China's Yao nationality. Before liberation, she was left an orphan at 12, when her father died of poverty and illness and a despotic landlord hurled her mother down a cliff to her death. Set on revenge, Azalea fought the landlord, then went to live alone in the mountains. At the liberation of the Yao nationality area she was discovered by a People's Liberation Army company.

The Communist Party brought her up, raising her class consciousness and teaching her how to struggle. In the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution she became the Party committee secretary of her commune, regarded by the local people as their leader and true friend.

In the mass movement to learn from Tachai in agriculture she relied on the masses, braved all dangers from nature and class enemies and, together with the people, found an underground source of abundant water beneath a mountain. It was she, too, who smashed the despotic landlord's plot to sabotage a water conservancy project they were undertaking.

Through Azalea's story the book vividly depicts the post-liberation changes in the Yao nationality area, pointing also to its bright future under Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.



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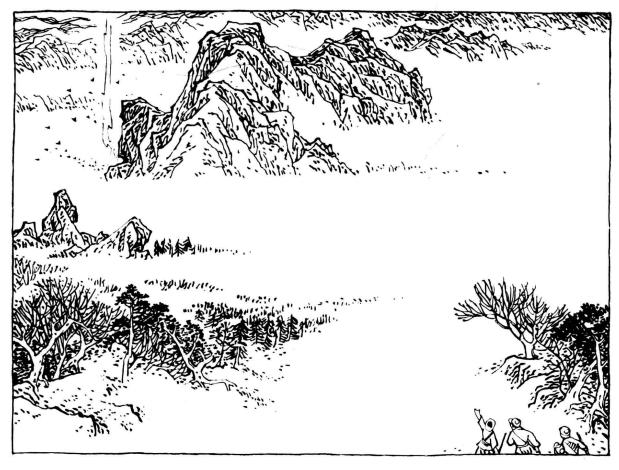




1. One night in the spring of 1950 a Chinese People's Liberation Army company was hotly pursuing bandit remnants in the Yaoshan Mountains in northern Kwangtung Province.



2. It was almost dawn but still they had found no clues. Then suddenly their Yao nationality guide called out: "Smoke! Look, there's smoke!"



3. The P.L.A. men looked and saw bluish smoke rising from among trees midway of a steep cliff.



4. The company political instructor, Kao, led the men at the double to the cliff to see where the smoke was coming from.



5. Reaching the spot, the guide cried out in surprise: "Azalea, you're still alive!..."



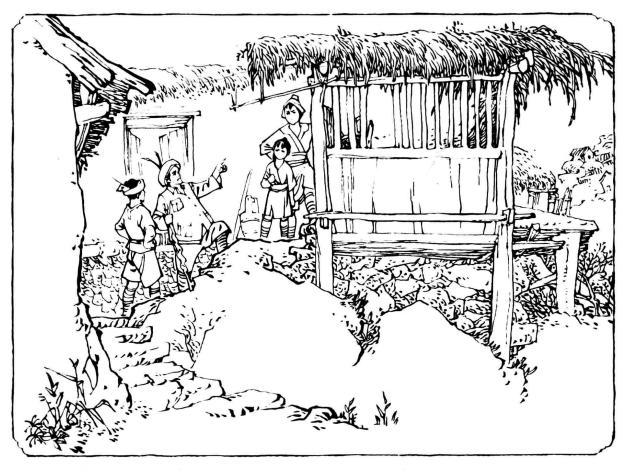
6. A young girl in rags stood beside a stack of firewood outside a cave. She eyed the soldiers icily.



7. The girl was an orphan of Tung Tree Village who had disappeared three years before without a trace.



8. She was 12 at the time. Her father had died of hunger and illness one night in a blizzard.



9. Claiming that the death of Azalea's father was due to demons, the despotic landlord, Centipede, ordered the widow to sell her daughter together with their household goods to get money to "exorcize the demons."



10. The mother was furious and threw a rock at the landlord.