

MEI MEI

Now, the Pro-Consul would prefer we take care of this tonight.

BETS

So wait, the Pro-Consul- that's the dude from the other room? You and him are doin' it, right? I could tell! 'Sfuckin' hot, isn't it?

MEI MEI

Or we can arrange a place where I can pick you up tomorrow and drive you to Tampa.

BETS

I mean- it's just got to be hot. Here you are and you smell good and there he is and he gets to work in his bathrobe and the two of you get to fuck in a bed with sheets. That's like some Disney storybook shit or something. Am I right?

MEI MEI

It's really none of your business.

BETS

Well, excuse the shit out of me. You seem to be six kinds of interested about murdering the baby in my guts. Sorry to get personal with you.

MEI MEI *(beat)*

The Proconsul and I have a complicated relationship. Obviously he is a colleague. We also went to school together at Columbia so there was an existing friendship.

BETS

What's Columbia? That like college?

MEI MEI

Yeah. It's in New York City.

BETS

You think I could go there?

MEI MEI

It's pretty competitive.

BETS

Yeah. I always wanted to go to college so I could fuck in a dorm. Did you guys fuck in a dorm?

MEI MEI

No. He asked me out once but I turned him down- this is not what we're here to talk about

BETS

Lady, he's got a wed-ding ring.

MEI MEI

Like I said. Complicated. Bets, why don't we take care of this tonight? We can have you back at the base before sunset.

BETS

And what happens when I show up in camp not pregnant anymore. What am I s'posed to tell 'em? Some nice American lady who has hot, complicated sex with the Pro-Consul fixed it for me to get a 'bortion?

MEI MEI

If you don't want to go back, I could arrange for you to go somewhere else. Are your parents in the camp?

BETS

Fuck, no.

MEI MEI

Where are they?

BETS

How the fuck'm I s'posed to know? Last time I saw Mom was when she dropped me off in the swamp.

MEI MEI

Why would she leave you?

BETS

What the fuck you mean why? Same reason you leave a dog or a bird or a snake in the swamp. You don't want it no more.

MEI MEI

Oh.

BETS

What the hell's the matter with you? You were this awful scary bitch in the other room and now you're talkin' to me like you're 'bout to stick your tongue in my mouth. You can take your sympathy and stick it up your Chinese boyfriend's ass.

MEI MEI

Bets, we can fix your baby problem.

BETS

Who says I got a baby problem?

MEI MEI

If somebody raped you, why would you want to have their baby?

BETS

If? Your two soldier boys- they pushed me down in the mangrove swamp. They held my head under the water while they done what they did. All three of us thought I was dead. But they left me a little half-Chinese prisoner of war. I got half-a one a there's inside me. Once I found out I was pregnant, I started smoking cigarette after cigarette 'til I could feel him coughin' and I was like "How you like it?" Now he bangs on my ribs if I gone too long without one. Hard not to care about somebody like that.

MEI MEI

Bets.

BETS

You should go back to the hard sell. Slappin' people and shit. You suck at the other stuff.