"Lotus Blossom" Mei



Aspects

- **High Concept:** *Imperial Secret-Agent and Courtesan*
- **Trouble:** *The heart must be held in secrecy*
- **Other:** *Master Ling taught me everything; Beautiful viper; Trust no one*

Skills

+4 Deceive
+3 Fight, Rapport
+2 Athletics, *Chi**, Empathy
+1 Burglary, Investigate, Notice, Will

Jianghu Rank: 1* (Ghost Serpent Form)

- **Ghost Haunts the Shadow:** You may use Chi instead of Stealth to create an advantage based on moving silently or remaining unseen.
- **Serpent Bites the Hand:** If you gain shifts on a defense, you can sacrifice your action next turn to immediately inflict an attack on your opponent using the shift value of your defense as your attack result.
- **Serpent Strikes Twice:** +2 bonus to Deceive rolls to create an advantage based on disorientation, distraction, or unbalancing against opponents you have already inflicted stress on this combat.

Stunts

- **The Scent of Jasmine:** +2 to Overcome with Deceive when dealing with those who might find you attractive.
- **Resplendent Flower:** Sub Rapport for Lore when dealing with matters pertaining to fashion and beauty.
- **A Hundred Flowers:** Once per session you can call upon a helpful ally in the area, provided you can recount a story of your previous meeting.

Refresh: 2
Physical Stress: OO
Mental Stress: OOO
Consequences:

- **Minor (2):**
- **Moderate (4):**
- **Severe (6):**

Special Ability Bonuses:

- +1 Zone Movement, +1 Passive Opposition (Jianghu Rank 1)
- Chi Armor (Chi +2, see Tianxia pg. 60)

Background:

Orphaned at a young age, Mei was taken in by Captain Ling of the *Jinyiwei* (Brocade-Clad Guard). Although Master Ling was like a father to her, he did not take her off the streets out of sheer charity: instead he aimed to train her as a secret member of Jinyiwei, who served as the Emperor's feared secret police force.

Under a series of tutors Mei learned to read and write, sing and dance, and various other arts appropriate for a charming lady of high-society during the day: while at night Master Ling himself taught her the techniques of the *Ghost Serpent* school of martial arts.

At age 18 she was told to report to *Madame Qi*: trainer of Courtesans and herself a secret member of the Jinyiwei. Under Madame Qi's watchful eye she learned to manipulate the hearts of men and those prey to easy flattery, while never forgetting the most important lesson taught her by Master Ling:

"Your heart is your greatest treasure: keep it secret, and never let anyone steal it."

As a member of the Jinyiwei, Mei travels the remotest corners of the Emperor's dominion, seeking to gather intelligence and bring to justice both criminals and corrupt officials alike, all whilst under the guise of 'Lotus Blossom' Mei : famed and much sought-after courtesan.

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Although the Emperor has many judges and magistrates in his service, members of the Jinyiwei make very little use of them: having been authorized by the Emperor himself to bring any in all to justice without due-process or trial as they see fit.

Mei enjoys the full authority of any Jinyiwei member: when dealing with highly placed or influential individuals who could feasibly escape prosecution it is not unusual for her to serve both as judge and executioner when other means are not available.