

# Great leap forward

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Fen was a brave Chinese girl who was an activist denouncing the ruthless acts committed by her country against minorities and other violations of human rights.

She knew she was being followed by authorities but didn't expect them to do anything serious to harm her.

However, times were changing so when she crossed a line, the Party decided to take appropriate measures against somebody who wasn't respectful against their country. Perhaps, if they cared so much about minorities it was appropriate to join them.

She was kidnapped one day coming back from campus and taken to a secret medical state facility where a team of surgeons began to operate on her. They began by darkening her skin, ruining the light skin tone every Chinese girl sees as a mark of beauty and already giving her a foreign appearance. Next, then curled up her hair to increase the effect. They also slightly modified her facial features to make her less Chinese, although still Asian. She could pass for south-east Asian now, maybe Vietnamese or Thai.

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Most importantly, she now didn't look like her ID card picture anymore, therefore she lost her identity. She was given a new identity as a Vietnamese immigrant girl working as a waitress and was threatened to be punished further if she dared to continue with her anti-national propaganda.

When released, she realised she couldn't even go back to her university as the facial recognition softwares wouldn't trace her to any known profile present in the database. With no chances of getting any education, given how strict was the entrance examination test and how low were the fake grades edited on her new ID profile, she had no choice but to keep the waitress job given to her together with her new identity.

She also noticed how differently people treated her. However, instead of giving up, she doubled her effort and kept on speaking up, even publicly revealing what they had done to her. This was too much for the authorities, who kidnapped her and completely remodelled her features this time. Her body type was forever changed, making her lose her lithe figure, her skin was darkened to a mocha colour and her face was given an unmistakable African flavour.



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Gone was her figure, her fair skin and her East Asian eyes and facial features. She looked like a curvy Black girl.

"Why did you do this to me?" - she cried out in tears.

"You didn't seem to appreciate belonging to our Nation, this punishment fits you well."

"No, that's unfair, I was just trying to improve things, of course I love my Nation! What am I going to do now?"

"You have a choice, if you don't want to help your country you'll be sent to America with fake immigration documents. So you'll get used to be a minority, in a foreign country, speaking little English. Otherwise, you'll serve your country as we ask you to."

"What would that be?" - she said, frightened.

"You'll move to Zambia, in Africa, where we are expanding our influence. You'll be a socialite and you'll seduce businessmen and politicians thanks to your new assets - he explained with a smile - then you'll report to us any kind of useful information we need to gain more power there."

Fen had to bow her head and to accept this last chance, knowing what they were able to do to her.

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Despite efforts to lose weight and at least regain her body shape she kept the curvy body shape the surgeries gave her. In order to disguise her naturally straight hair, she was forced to keep her hair in dreadlocks all the time. She was also given some lip fillers to give her natural looking plump lips.

After a few months she had settled in her new life. Thanks to her looks, was indeed having considerable success as a local high class socialite, despite hating that. She had even picked up the local English accent and was currently studying the local language. She was given the name Landisa. Her cover story as a Zambian girl grown up in China explained her fluency in Chinese, which couldn't be kept hidden as she often talked to the local Chinese representatives of the government.

With time, she learned to accept her new body and ethnicity, together with her new role as secret agent for the Chinese government. She stopped questioning what was right and what was not, she simply followed the orders given to her. Landisa eventually married the son of the local prime minister and settled in for the best life available to her given the circumstances.