

In Trouble in Asia:

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Killer Nurse

Most people who we met were quite good, for example our aged and vastly experienced Korean physician in Songtan. He had a nice personality and we could depend on his ability and experience.

His nurse was a different story. One afternoon I opened the office door and not seeing anyone said "hi" in Korean. The nurse shouted something in Korean, which from its tone was scathing and she came boiling out ready for war. On seeing me she calmed down and said the doctor was away.

The next time I visited the physician, she was not there. I was later told she was in the news and in prison for killing her boyfriend. She cut him into small easily carried chunks and hailed a taxi for a trip into the countryside to deposit the plastic bagged body. The body had an odor so the suspicious taxi driver delivered her to the police station instead of a remote location.

Don't Marry a Pharmacist

Good friend and Education Service Officer (ESO) was visited in Korea by his wife who was a pharmacist. In my presence, she bragged that she could kill anyone without leaving a trace. He returned to the USA and I later heard he was dead. I wonder.....

Shouting Near the Station

The area near many Korean train stations is a center of red light activities.

One afternoon I saw a number of people standing in a large circle...so I went to see the attraction. An old woman was loudly berating an old man he did not respond in kind to her shouting and hitting. We can guess what the problem was but after seeing the old lady, I can't blame the old man.

Bar Girl Tag Team

Out for an evening Kunsan stroll I saw a bar door burst open. An elderly man with two bar girls behind him exploded into the street. With a woman on each side he had no chance. They alternately pushed him back and forth until he ran away shaken with his pocket book left behind on the road. No one went near that billfold.

Problem Woman

An ESO I knew said he supplied rationed goods his mistress had requested. He later dumped her and went back to an earlier mistress. The woman he had been giving black market goods turned him for black marketing. He was placed on international hold for several months, could not leave Korea, could not go on the base and lost his intended job back in the USA.

That winter, I saw a serviceman and an American woman waiting in an alley near where a friend lived. It turned out that the American woman's husband was living with the same woman who the ESO had dumped. She was waiting in the alley to accuse her husband of infidelity. A few weeks later the same Korean woman had another American living with her upstairs across the alley.