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A terrifying saga of political intrigue when a simple Westerner living in the East is changed into a powerful and ruthless warlord.

Running off to Monte Carlo

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trains were rough, but fun. I was getting over a cold, and the dry air had me badly congested. Rachel was as much a mommy to me as a girlfriend, keeping me supplied with Kleenex and hugs. The couchettes were annoying — rough, but fun. I was eager to get to the trains. I half carried Rachel off to a train at Munich when we were wasted on beer, and the train in Paris left not ten seconds after we boarded, sweaty and out of breath from racing down the platform pushing a luggage cart screaming, "Conway, I kennel!"

It was such a relief to arrive in Monte Carlo. Graig had had a fun trip also, despite the fact that April wanted to be "just good friends." He and I had decided to splurge on a deluxe hotel, and it was worth it: big room, big bed, big tub. We spent four days in the sun, and three nights in the casino. I won 1000 francs and I still have a picture of Rachel on my arm, playing blackjack in the Grand Casino. The three of us returned to Paris, and Rachel flew home three days before us. I took her to the airport and kissed her goodbye.

And much trepidation, we met again in the United States. Neither of us was quite sure how much the romance of Europe played a part in our meeting, and if it would persist. Much to our delight it did.

Last Sunday was our six-months anniversary, or at least it would have been had we not broken up over Christmas. Well, terribly romantic things may not last forever, but they're special nonetheless. And I'll always love her.

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