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Female Prisoner Scorpion: #701's Grudge Song

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Scorpion!

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FEMALE PRISONER SCORPION:

#701's GRUDGE SONG

"You're a beautiful flower
...his words flatter you today.

But once you're in full bloom,
he'll just toss you away.

Foolish, foolish,
foolish woman's song...

Her song of vengeance.

"Sorrow is my fate
...so you've given up on men.

Show him your tears
and he'll bring you grief again.

Tearful, tearful,
tearful woman's song...

Her song of vengeance.

A bright red rose has thorns
that you might not see.

I don't want to pierce you,
but how else will I get free?

Burning, burning,
burning woman's song...

Her song of vengeance.

What's going on?

What do you think you're doing?

What's going on?

Nami Matsushima!

You're under arrest for first-degree
murder and breaking out of prison.

Don't let her get away!

We've captured you at last, Scorpion.

Do you know how much time
we spent looking for you?

How many cops
we had to mobilize?

But you're finished now,
once and for all.
Now I can finally send you
to the gallows.
I'm sure Detective Sugimi and
the other cops you killed are waiting...
...down there in hell.
- What the hell are you doing?
- Goddamn you!
Hey! Are you all right? Hey!
Hang on!
That bitch! Go after her!
- What happened?
- Are you all right?
That's it! Keep going, now!
Not enough power in your hips!
Hey, mister...
I hear you don't like girls.
I'm going to fix that for you.
Wait, your thing...
it's all messed up
Thank you, thank you!
Thank you very much,
that's it for tonight!
Get some sleep, now.
Hey, where've you been?
We're ready to start the show.
Eat something. You'll feel better.
Okay, I'll see you later.
Years ago,
this used to be our hideout.
Why did I help you?
I'm not sure myself.
Public Safety
These are "souvenirs"
from the cops.
Whenever I'm in pain
from these old wounds,
I come here
and shoot at the cops.
No one will ever find this place.
You'd better stay here
until you've recovered.
What the hell's going on?

We're not doing anything illegal!
Hold on a minute! Hold on!
Kudo, right?
Kudo, it's been a long time.
Don't worry.
We're not here to arrest you today.
Tell me.
Where are you hiding that woman?
I see...
So you're going to play dumb, are you?
Chief!
You're an exemplary woman.
I'll pull some strings, they'll look the
other way when it comes to your shows.
Thank you, sir.
Nami Matsushima! She broke out
of these handcuffs and escaped.
We know she's injured.
She couldn't get very far in her state,
so you've got to be hiding her.
Tell us...where is she?
I see, so you can't tell us?
In that case, I'm arresting you
for harboring a criminal!
Kudo, what a strange twist of fate.
I was promoted from the Riot Squad,
and your student revolution failed.
So I never thought
I'd run into you like this again.
What's learned in the cradle
is carried to the grave, huh?
Own up, you bastard.
If you want to protect that woman,
that's your business.
But you've sold out
your comrades before.
You'll only end up
in my clutches again.
Spit it out!
Where's Nami Matsushima?
Let me tell you
what kind of woman she is.
Wanted for the murder of 8 police officers,
3 prison breaks, and 28 attempts.

In order to uphold
the dignity of the state
and to maintain law and order,
that woman must never be forgiven
for her crimes, she's evil incarnate!
Start talking!
He's fallen once before.
He's sure to fall again.
If you don't start talking,
I'll have to refresh your memory.
We have no choice.
I didn't talk.
I beat them.
I didn't let them break me.
Let's tell the Chief.
Goddammit!
I'm going to kill him
the next time I see him.
Hold your fire!
I want her taken alive!
It's an underground passage!
Goddammit!
Tighten the search.
Matsushima and Kudo are
on the run together now.
So if you can smoke out Kudo,
you'll be sure to nab Matsushima as well.
I have a warrant, but I'm authorizing you
to do whatever it takes.
Everyone from Kudo's relatives
to his friends. Leave no stone unturned!
Hirose Squad!
Tsuchida Squad!
Ikawa Squad!
Yamamoto Squad!
Hiroshima Squad!
What the hell?
- Where's Kudo?
- I don't know.
Do you know a man named Kudo?
- Police!
- What's going on?
You said he's not coming
home tonight, right?

We have no choice, then.
We're just going to have to wait here,
no matter how long it takes.
Kimiyo? It's me. I'm not going
to make it home tonight.
We'll have to postpone
your birthday celebration.
How's the baby doing?
Hey, what's the matter?
Hello? Hello?
You lied to us. Kodama was really
supposed to come home tonight!
Shit!
- Hey, this place is off-limits!
- I'm Kodama!
We're finished with our investigation.
We've got fingerprints.
- We don't need them.
- Sir?
I already know who did this.
It's Scorpion.
I've been virtually dead
all these years.
That was the only way
I could get through life.
But now I've met you
and I feel...
...as though I can go back
to being who I was before.
I'm going to get those bastards.
I'm going to get my revenge on them
for trying to destroy me.
I swear I'm going to rip
their heads off.
That's right.
We had a plan once, years ago.
I can get it done this time.
If you help me.
This base is what
all their power depends on.
They send out a huge amount
of money every month, on the 20th.
That's what we're going after.
It should be coming at 10:00am.

It won't be long now.
Here it comes.
Goddammit! We're surrounded.
Let's split up.
Meet me at the hideout!
Just run!
Drop your gun!
Drop your gun!
Settle down!
Just get him!
Where's Nami Matsushima?
Where's your hideout?
You can beat me all you want.
- I'll never give into you.
- Goddamn you!
Is that the best you can do?
What the hell?
Hey! Who said you could sleep?
Stay awake, got that?
Hey! We'll let you sleep all you want
after you talk to us.
You're a lot more stubborn now
than you ever were before.
But that's all right.
As a reward, I'll let you meet
with a special visitor.
Hey.
Hey! What's the matter, Kudo?
Aren't you happy to see her?
You haven't seen your mother
in a long time, have you?
What a dirty trick.
Don't be ridiculous.
Your mother came all the way
from Hirosaki,
to try to make you see
the error of your ways!
Hey!
Now, stand up.
Yasuo, you mustn't carry such
a grudge against these detectives.
Everything you've done,
you have no one to blame but yourself.
They told me everything.

You know you haven't been home
in so many years.
I always believed you had
your own life to live somehow.
That's what I told myself,
and I've always borne it!
But not this time.
Yasuo! You've been deceived
by this horrible woman!
You've got to apologize
to the detectives right away.
If you just tell them where she is,
they'll let you go.
The detectives...
They don't think you're the one
who killed Mr. Kodama's wife.
You were never the type of person
who could kill in cold blood!
It was that woman who killed her.
Just tell them where she is,
and they'll let you go!
I beg of you, please don't be
such an inconsiderate son anymore!
Please, stop causing
your mother so much grief!
I...
Mother...
Mother!
Damn it!
Yasuo?
Nami...
Nami!
Tsuchida! What happened? Hang on!
Hey! You've got to hang on!
Nami Matsushima!
You're under arrest!
Just surrender, nice and easy.
Goddamn you!
Damn you!
Goddamn you!
You bitch!
I'm going to kill you!
Hold still!
Out of my way!

Hey!
Scorpion, once you're arrested,
our job will be over.
But I'm never going to forgive you.
In time, you'll pay.
I'll make sure you feel the pain!
Nami. ..
So you betrayed me!
But I didn't have any choice.
I believed in you. I trusted you.
Nami. ..
Nami. ..
What do you think you're doing?
No slacking!
How dare you look at me like that!
This does not concern the rest of you!
What are you doing?
Get back to work!
Any speck of dust you overlook
will only anger the Warden.
Remember that!
What do you think you're doing?
For the state to rule over its citizens,
capital punishment is
a necessary institution.
That is why the gallows must be kept
exceptionally and absolutely clean.
So Scorpion's execution
will be soon?
Within the next 5 months.
It's up to the Minister of Justice,
of course.
The later, the better.
The thing is...
I'd like her to suffer the agonies of hell
as much as possible.
Right here, in this renowned prison.
To tame a wild beast,
nothing is more effective than a whip.
The beast needs to learn who's boss.
If I had my way, I'd keep the inmates
here for their whole lives.
After all, they have nothing to offer
the outside world.

Because they're useless human beings!
By the way, how's Scorpion doing?
Whoa!
Section Chief, take these
gentlemen to Cell No. 4.
Cell No. 4?
- But it's not a good time...
- I'm ordering you.
Even the most violent killer
has a soul deep down inside,
allowing her to beg
the spirits for mercy.
When she was sent here
after being sentenced to death,
she caused a great deal of trouble.
But she's completely repentant now.
I'm sure Nami Matsushima
will follow her lead in time.
It pains me to have to show her
to you in this state.
But we had no choice
but to punish her for being rebellious.
Miss Daimon, would it be all right
if we unshackled her?
I'd like to treat her
as an equal human being.
I've asked the Warden myself...
If it's the Prison Director that you're
worried about, I'll explain it to her.
If that's your intention,
then I'm sure Nami Matsushima
will open her heart to you.
Matsushima!
I'm not going to let you die
on the gallows.
I'm going to beat you to death
with my own hands!
Nobody will give a damn
if you die here.
I can explain your death away
with a single document.
There's still plenty of time.
I'm not going to execute you
until you've suffered at my hands.

Until we come to visit you again,
dream about Kudo,
the man who sold you out.
Goddamn you!
Goddamn you!
Please, stop!
Section Chief!
Matsu's no human being. This torture
is exactly what she deserves.
You must stop now!
Get up, damn it.
She's no ordinary woman. Show her
sympathy and it'll make her cockier!
It's futile to think that she has
any hope for rehabilitation.
And with a section chief like that,
she's only going to take advantage.
You're absolutely right.
It's that guard I'm concerned
about, not the inmates.
She's far too soft for this job!
No matter what happens,
you mustn't be so perverse.
Perhaps you're not the
only one at fault here.
You might have been shaped
by those around you.
But that doesn't mean
you can't ever erase your sins.
The one thing you can do right now
is to repent your sins,
even if it's only for the short time
you have left, and find your true self.
That's what I believe.
That's the only way
you can atone for your sins.
Open your heart. Even if you've
been condemned to death.
Some people are able
to accept that fate peacefully.
Can you hear that?
The sound of a voice in prayer,
throwing herself on Buddha's mercy.
She's able to wait for death in peace.

It's a prayer for atonement.
That woman's execution will be
carried out four days from now.
I intend to notify her tomorrow.
I'm sure she'll accept the news
calmly and peacefully.
Miss Inagaki,
this is Nami Matsushima.
She's received the death penalty,
same as you.
So this is the woman
who wanted to meet me?
She can give you the support you need.
Tell her what's on your mind.
She's in your hands, all right?
Why don't you have a seat?
Let us repent together.
You can repent all you want,
but it won't erase the terror of execution.
I'm sure you already know that.
The truth is, you want to live.
You want to live, so to free yourself
from fear, you put on a mask.
You're going to be executed in four days.
You're lying! I won't let you get away
with such monstrous lies!
If you really want to live,
there's a way.
That guard trusts you.
You've got to use her
to escape from this prison.
You'd better think it over.
- Is anything the matter?
- No.
I don't want to die!
Help me!
Miss Inagaki!
Pull yourself together!
Miss Inagaki!
Help me!
Damn her,
making us come running!
What did you say to her?
What did you do to Miss Inagaki?

Answer me!

This is Detective Kodama
of the Metropolitan Police
who has specifically requested
to be present at today's execution.

Well? How's Inagaki doing?
She seems to have regained
her composure.

The execution will be carried out
as scheduled, at 2pm.

What do you think about having
Matsushima witness the execution?
Matsushima?

We should let her see first-hand
what it's like for a person to die
with a noose around her neck.

- Inagaki!

- What's the matter?

No! No! I don't want to die!

- Inagaki!

- Help me!

Please help me!

Save me!

What's the meaning of this?

Get her under control!

No! No! Murderers!

Help me!

Inagaki!

Help me!

That's how you're going
to end up soon.

- You call that scrubbing?

- What a bitch!

Taking it out on us just because
the Chief Warden gave her hell!
She's such an ass-licker.

Come on, no dawdling!

Hey! I want to see

some vigorous scrubbing!

What you did was unforgivable.

Inagaki wanted to die in peace.

You turned her last moments into hell!

Demon! You're a demon!

I'll be sure to let you know

when your execution date is set.
Until then, you can have nightmares
about your hanging every night!
I hope you're driven insane
by the fear of death, just like Inagaki!
Section Chief!
Miss Daimon, we have something
we need to discuss with you.
Will you come with us?
Please.
What's this?
You're not scrubbing hard enough!
Let's see some serious scrubbing!
Do you hear me?
Hey! Are you listening to me or not?
Excuse me, the Chief Warden
needs to see you.
Yes, sir.
What is it?
What do you want?
What in the world are you doing?
Please don't do this to me!
Keep quiet,
or all the inmates will hear you.
No!
How could the police do
a thing like this?
We have a favor to ask of you.
If you don't want anyone to find out
about this, you'll do as we say.
Please.
By the way, how is she doing?
Chief Warden, we can't have
another scene like the other day.
Another mishap
and you'll be held responsible.
Rest assured.
Nami Matsushima seems
to have resigned herself at last.
The car is parked
where I told you. Hurry!
- Is she ready?
- Yes, ma'am.
Section Chief! Section Chief!

Please, pull yourself together!

What's taking so long?

I'll go check on them.

Chief Warden!

- She's escaped!

- Escaped?

Nami Matsushima has escaped!

Chief Warden, do you know what
will happen if that woman escapes?

We're so sorry. We apologize!

It's your responsibility
to maintain control!

Chief Warden, I'm holding you
accountable for this!

She did it! She did it!

Scorpion busted out!

She did it! She did it!

Scorpion busted out!

Get out, Nami Matsushima.

This is the gallows

I had built just for you.

Get up there.

Hey, honey!

Honey?

You'd better hurry,
or the bathhouse will close.

I'm almost finished.

You go on ahead.

All right, but don't be too long.

Nami?

I've been expecting you.

Nami...

Please forgive me.

I always knew

we'd end up like this someday.

I'm not the one who stabbed you.

You were stabbed by

the Nami Matsushima who fell for you.

"You're a beautiful flower"

...his words flatter you today.

But once you're in full bloom,

he'll just toss you away.

Foolish, foolish,

foolish woman's song...

Her song of vengeance.
"You cling to your dreams
...they scorn your world of lies.
So you try to wake up,
but you can't open your eyes.
Woman, woman,
a woman's heart is her song...
Her song of vengeance.
I cannot die
before I fulfill my fate.
So I live on,
driven only by my hate.
Woman, woman,
a woman's life is her song...
Her song of vengeance.

THE END: