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**Missing: The search for a sister in China**

This report is about a Chinese-American woman (big sister) who back to China to seek her missed little sister. The big sister found her little sister vanished from Wechat after she posted that she was beaten by her husband. As the oldest child of the family, big sister has responsibility as the second parents of the siblings. She flew back to China and met NPR correspondent Frank Langfitt to help her out. They visited serval relevant places like Yunnan, Dalian for seeking clue. Also, they met couple of important people like young sister’s husband and a business man who proved as a lover of the younger sister in the later stage. However, they failed to find the younger sister. They only concluded few hypotheses according the clues they found. First, Litter sister had relationship with the married business man and compel him to marry her by a dummy pregnancy certificate. Second, younger sister may involve in some illicit work as sex worker. Third, she may be sold to somewhere by traffickers.

After listen to this report. I wonder why the big sister sought help from a reporter. Moreover, Frank Langfitt is a foreign reporter who lives in Shanghai. He neither possesses demographic information as Bureau of Police Security, nor holds the connections as local media. In this situation, if the big sister eager to find her sibling, the best way is report to the police. Since they own the most accurate demographic information and national network to sort out the problem. Also possibly, she thought the police Bureau may not take this case as important as she think. Even so, she could report it to the media which with most attention rate such as local TV station or first tier city TV stations. Chinese media are fairly interested in case of searching for missing person. Local media would provide their connection to get public voice and help her to find the little sister. There do have quite a number of successful examples. I really don’t think this foreign reporter could help her except provide a report. Moreover, NPR is an American basic website, which means most of Audience are Americans. I double how much attention could this story attract by this website. Readers may even not open the page by reading the title. I compared the comments under this article with other Asian related article. This story only gets 16 comments which is averagely 1/3 of other articles.

On the other hand, I like Frank Longfitt’s summarize in the end. People in China are under the rapid transformation era. Quite a lot of people are willing to get instant benefit. The little sister may be the one of them. People use illicit method to get profit. Like the little sister, she worked as sex worker. Moreover, she using dummy pregnancy certificate for blackmailing. This situation is more serious for rural population than urban population. Quite a lot rural area still suffering poverty, especially in north part of China. People eager to get rid of their difficulties. However, most of these people are lack of skills and knowledge since they are unable to be educated. These situations construct a vicious circle. Then turn to be a big social problem in China.

In sum, this story not only happens in China, it also happens worldwide. Two importance for this case. In a micro view, the big sister should find the right panel to solve the problem. In a macro view, these kind of case would happen again and again. These women are the victim of the economic development.

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