Radio Drama Script: "Shattered Lies"

Genre: Mystery / Family / Crime
Duration: Approximately 14 minutes

Character Introductions

- **Detective** (Male, calm and composed)
- **Forensic Doctor** (Female, rational and professional)
- **Shen Wan** (Wife, Female, outwardly calm but emotionally complex)
- **Liang Zhou** (Husband, Male, gentle on the surface but hiding sinister intentions)
- **Lin Man** (Mistress, Female, intelligent but greedy)
- **Narrator** (Deep voice, creating a suspenseful atmosphere)

Act One: Crime Scene (Flashback) - Unknown Victim

(Background sounds: Police sirens, rain, chaotic noise of police securing the scene, the sound of a police car braking, footsteps of the detective)

Narrator (low, suspenseful):

"3 a.m. Rain washes over every corner of the city, but it cannot cleanse the traces of evil left behind. A body lies deep in an alley, clothes disheveled, with clear ligature marks on the neck. The police have arrived, and the initial assessment points to murder."

(Background sounds: The detective crouches to examine the body, the forensic doctor moves the body, raindrops fall on the corpse)

Detective (frowning): "Identity of the victim?"

Forensic Doctor (flipping through a report): "Unconfirmed for now. No identification or recognizable features on the body."

Detective (thoughtful):

"Ligature marks? This looks like a crime of passion."

Forensic Doctor (calm):

"But strangely, there are no signs of struggle under the victim's nails. Instead... it seems someone meticulously cleaned them."

(Background sounds: The detective slowly looks up, rain continues, camera flashes, music intensifies, transitioning to Act Two)

Act Two: After the Incident - Shen Wan and Liang Zhou's Veiled Conversation

(Background sounds: Home, ticking clock, faint boiling of a kettle)

Shen Wan (toneless): "The rain is heavy tonight."

Liang Zhou (flipping through a newspaper): "Yes, I heard some streets are flooded."

Shen Wan (gently swirling her cup): "You came home early today?"

Liang Zhou (pausing slightly, then continuing naturally): "Nothing at the office, so I left early."

Shen Wan (smiling): "Really? What did you do tonight?"

(Background sounds: Ticking clock, a moment of silence)

Liang Zhou (smiling softly, tone gentle): "You've been talking a lot lately."

Shen Wan (placing her cup down lightly, tone unchanged): "Just making conversation... By the way, the news mentioned someone died."

(Background sounds: Glass cup clinks faintly, tension fills the air)

Liang Zhou (chuckling): "What does that have to do with us?"

(Background sounds: Shen Wan looks at Liang Zhou, her gaze deep, tension rises, music swells, transitioning to Act Three)

Act Three: How Shen Wan Discovers Liang Zhou's Plot (Flashback)

(Background sounds: Late at night, Shen Wan stands at the door of Liang Zhou's study, slightly ajar, Liang Zhou is on the phone inside)

Liang Zhou (whispering):

"...She'll be home tonight. Do as I said, prepare the rope, and finish it cleanly."

(Shen Wan holds her breath, her expression changes, fingers gripping the doorframe)

Liang Zhou (continuing):

"Afterward, we can leave together. Don't worry, once she's dead, I'll arrange everything for you."

(Shen Wan takes a deep breath, quickly leaves the room, background sounds mix with her heartbeat)

(Background sounds: She returns to the bedroom, pulls out her insurance policy, sees Liang Zhou as the beneficiary, her fingers tremble slightly)

Shen Wan (whispering):

"He not only wants me dead but also plans to take the insurance money and leave with Lin Man..."

(Background sounds: She clenches her fist, her gaze cold, dials a number, Lin Man answers, sounding impatient)

Lin Man (on the phone, cold): "What do you want?"

Shen Wan (calm): "Don't you want to know what the man you love really thinks of you?"

(Music intensifies, scene shifts, transitioning to Act Four)

Act Four: Shen Wan Confronts Lin Man (Flashback) - The Beginning of an Alliance

(Background sounds: Apartment door, Shen Wan stands outside, tapping on the door)

Lin Man (from inside, wary): "Who is it?"

Shen Wan (calm): "It's me."

(Background sounds: The door slowly opens, dim light from inside reveals Lin Man, arms crossed, smirking)

Lin Man (sneering): "What are you scheming now?"

Shen Wan (placing a document in front of her): "This is your insurance policy. The beneficiary — Liang Zhou."

(Background sounds: Lin Man frowns, quickly flips through the document, breathing heavily)

Shen Wan (coldly): "You think he'll take you away? He'll only send you to your death."

(Background sounds: Lin Man's fingers tremble, her face pales, she finally grits her teeth and nods)

Lin Man (softly): "...I don't want to die."

Shen Wan (gently): "Then let's make sure he dies instead."

(Music crescendos, transitioning to Act Five)

Act Five: The Perfect Crime - Liang Zhou's Death

(Background sounds: Restaurant, glasses clinking lightly, Liang Zhou and Lin Man sit at the table)

Liang Zhou (smiling): "To our future."

(Background sounds: They raise their glasses, Lin Man subtly switches the glasses, they drink)

(A few seconds later, Liang Zhou's expression changes, he gasps for air, clutching his throat)

Liang Zhou (terrified): "You... you..."

(Background sounds: Lin Man smiles slowly, watching him collapse)

(Background sounds: Shen Wan steps out of the shadows, coldly observing Liang Zhou)

Liang Zhou (eyes trembling): "You... you're alive?"

(Background sounds: Liang Zhou's eyes widen, he struggles briefly, then dies)

(Scene shifts to them erasing Liang Zhou's gender characteristics, disguising the body as a strangled female victim)

Narrator (low):

"Liang Zhou meticulously planned a murder, only to be outplayed by his own pawn. His body was altered to resemble 'Shen Wan,' and the police could only assume the victim was her. Meanwhile, they have already fled far away."

(Background sounds: Airport, the sound of a plane taking off, Shen Wan and Lin Man sit in the waiting area, speaking softly)

Lin Man (chuckling): "Where are we going?"

Shen Wan (sipping coffee, smiling): "Anywhere without Liang Zhou."

(Background sounds: Low piano notes fade, eventually disappearing... The End)