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Boiling in the pot
Steam draining the poison from its veins
A weapon, deadly to the touch
Not a rifle
Not a knife
Not a guillotine
A flower
White oleander

Fragrant
Hardy
Beautiful
Toxic
White oleander

Powerful enough to seduce?
Used to commit a murder
A senseless act?
Too many fumes inhaled
White oleander