

A new knife

I can't stop picking it up and playing with it. I flip it open. It isn't what I would call a smooth action. It stutters, resisting its own opening slightly as if to ask "are you sure?" before allowing its back to straighten with a satisfying click of its lock. I have it in my hand right now.

I have taken the clear plastic guard off several times now, removed the restraining clips and taken out the blade before immediately putting it back in place and re-fastening the catches. It makes the sound of an insect's mouth.

I push the lock and snap it shut, wondering when it will first see use, and what its name will be.*

*It's name is Mei Mei