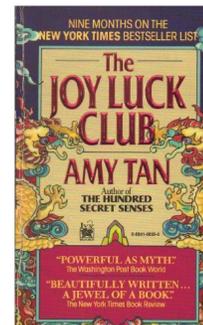


Key Quotes Analysis - Part 1, Chapter 3: The Red Candle

Directions: Read each quote below and identify its speaker and the character(s) who relate to it. Then, circle the theme(s) listed in the Themes Key that apply to each quote. Some quotes may lack a direct speaker (such as if the quote is an unnamed narrator) or have no related characters. In those cases it is fine to leave the “Speaker” or “Related character(s)” fields blank.

Themes Key

- 1 Mother-Daughter Relationships
- 2 Storytelling and Tradition
- 3 Immigration, Language, and Mistranslation
- 4 Fate and Autonomy
- 5 Sacrifice
- 6 Sexism and Power



<p>I once sacrificed my life to keep my parents’ promise. This means nothing to you, because to you promises mean nothing. A daughter can promise to come to dinner, but if she has a headache, if she has a traffic jam, if she wants to watch a favorite movie on TV, she no longer has a promise.</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <hr/> <p>Related character(s):</p> <hr/> <p>Related Themes: 1 2 3 4 5 6</p>
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<p>I had no choice, now or later. That was how backward families in the country were. We were always the last to give up stupid old-fashioned customs. In other cities already, a man could choose his own wife, with his parents’ permission of course. But we were cut off from this new type of thought. You never heard if ideas were better in another city, only if they were worse.</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <hr/> <p>Related character(s):</p> <hr/> <p>Related Themes: 1 2 3 4 5 6</p>
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<p>Because I was promised to the Huangs’ son for marriage, my own family began treating me as if I belonged to someone else... my mother did not treat me this way because she didn’t love me. She would say this biting back her tongue, so she wouldn’t wish for something that was no longer hers.</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <hr/> <p>Related character(s):</p> <hr/>
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<p>I asked myself, what is true about a person? Would I change in the same way the river changes color but still be the same person? And then I saw the curtains blowing wildly, and outside rain was falling harder, causing everyone to scurry and shout. I smiled. And then I realized it was the first time I could see the power of the wind... I wiped my eyes and looked in the mirror. I was surprised at what I saw. I had on a beautiful red dress, but what I saw was even more valuable. I was strong. I was pure. I had genuine thoughts inside that no one could see, that no one could ever take away from me. I was like the wind... I made a promise to myself: I would always remember my parents' wishes, but I would never forget myself.</p>	Speakers:
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