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Character Guide

Men

Wang Lung: A farmer about to start his own family

Wang Lung's father: Approximately 70 years old, retired from work as a farmer

Uncle: Wang Lung's father's sly, younger brother

Cousin: Uncle's son, close to Wang Lung's age

Old Lord Hwang: A rich landowner; keeps many slaves and concubines

Ching: A small, quiet man; Wang Lung's neighbor

Elder brother: Known as Nung En; "Nung" means one whose wealth is from the earth

Second son: Known as Nung Wen

Liu: A successful grain dealer in town

Women

O-lan: A kitchen slave in the House of Hwang

Lotus Flower: A "tea house" prostitute with bound feet

Pear Blossom: A young slave girl Wang Lung buys

Uncle's wife: Overweight, lazy and manipulative

Old Mistress Hwang: Addicted to opium

Cuckoo: Old Lord Hwang's clever chamber slave

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