

The Reflection on The Invisible Red String

The book named “The Invisible Red String” is based on a Chinese tradition – matchmaker. Matchmaker is an important person who helps people meet and get married in ancient China. Although people in China believe that there’s a god named Yuelao, who brought together men and women that meant to be together. Those people still must fall in love through the help of matchmakers because of the principle then. Therefore, the matchmaker in this story called herself as a facilitator.

This story is talking about a girl, Ju-Lin, who was born in a poor farm family that was about to be sold in exchange for food due to the severe drought. One night, an old matchmaker stopped by their farm to rest. She was aware of the family’s dire situation and proposed that Ju-Lin followed the matchmaker as an assistant and saved her family from starvation. Then, Ju-Lin went back to the matchmaker’s place with her. Ju-Lin helped her to cook, clean, and carry her things. She also observed and took note of the process of how the matchmaker dealt with her clients. The matchmaker told her that the secret of choosing the right people for each other every time is to listen to people. Listening with heart rather than just ears, that’s the only way to find the invisible string. One day, a wealthy matron stepped in the matchmaker’s house. She was here to find help for her stubborn son. He wanted an intelligent girl with peasant feet who could write and read. But this was impossible in ancient China. This matron was very vexed that she had sought every way to find this dreamed girl, but all of them were in vain. The matchmaker suggested him to look closely around him, she sent Ju-Lin to tell matron’s son in person because she was too old for a long journey. Ju-Lin saw some beautiful poems hanging on the wall, and she couldn’t help but read it out loud. The young man just heard that and said, “You can read the poem! And you walked so freely! My mother found you but she told me that my requests were unreasonable.” After Ju-Lin told to matron’s son, she suddenly was aware of the meaning of the words. She was meant to be together with the young man! No wonder the matchmaker sent her to him!

After reading this story, I thought destiny is a cool phenomenon. All of us can’t tell what is going to happen, but it definitely will happen. It is just like what people say that life is a script and we are actors. Life is unpredictable but we are living it. That’s the most interesting thing of life!