

House of Lim

Ties That Bind



Lim Family

- Wealthy due to Lim Han-ci hard work and shrewd investment
- Income from farming and factory held in common
- Respected in Village
- Traditional Extend family
- Conflict in family relationships
- Division of house and property most likely outcome of family conflict



Limited Choices

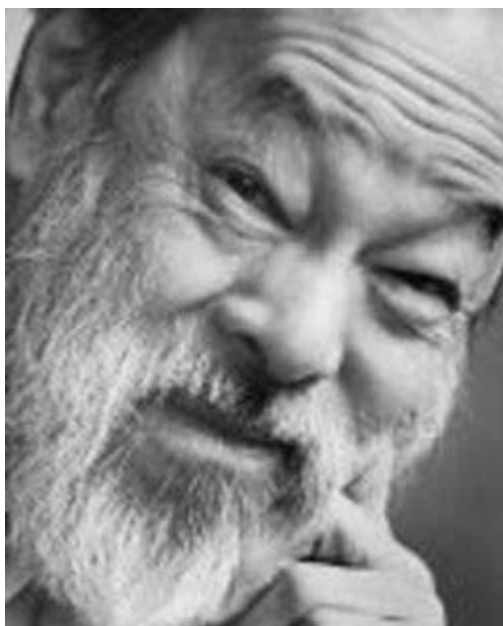
- Rural community
- Factory near village offers limited opportunities for employment of women
- Location near district community offers for women some chance of employment
- Prostitution accepted as legitimate way single woman can support herself and her family

Ethnography

- Actual Family
- Wolf and husband lived with family
- Present during celebrations and when family fought
- Sometimes mediator
- Learned Villager's views of Lim Family

House of Lim

- Lim Han-ci: Father and Patriarch
- Lim Hue-lieng: Eldest Son disobedient
- Lim Chieng-cua: Second son and present head of Lim Family
- Lim A-bok: eldest son of Lim Hue-lieng and “sister” Lim A-pou
- Lim Masa: second son of Lim Hue-lieng and “sister” Lim A-pou





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Women of Lim Hue-ieng

- Lim A-pou: Lim Hue-ieng Wife and “sister”
- Lim So lan: Lim Hue-ieng “Second Wife”
- Lim Gioq-ki: eldest daughter Lim Hue-ieng and second wife Lim So lan
- Lim A-hua: adopted daughter of Lim Hue-ieng and second wife Lim So lan
- Lim A-ki: wife of Lim A bok, son of Lim Hue-ieng and Lim A pou





Lim Han ci Adopted Daughters

- Iu Mui-mue: Lim Han-ci's third adopted daughter, adopted to marry Lim Chieng-cua but did not do so
- Tan A-Song: Lim Han-ci's second adopted daughter who was re-sold when his own daughter was returned.
- Lim A-pou: Lim Han-ci first adopted daughter, adopted to marry Lim Hue-lieng which he did not want to do but eventually did to obey his father

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Lim Hue-lieng

- Eldest Son and Not interested working on his father's land
- Joins lo mua
- Refuses to marry Lim A-pou
- Disobeys Father. Has No Filial Piety
- Selects Lim So lan as second wife
- Is injured and dies leaving Lim So lan and two daughters with little or no money.



Chieng-cua

- Owns Factory
- Takes portion of profit from land Lim A bok farms
- Lim Chui-ieng wife, source of conflict and tensions with Lim A-pou
- Chieng-cua conflict with Lim A pou because of her position as eldest son's wife and his position as second son but head of family



Lim A -pou

- Favorite of Lim Han-ci
- Lim Hue-ieng did not want to marry her
- Life changes with death of Lim Han-ci
- Does not trust Lim Chieng-cu. Suspect he is taking money from cultivation to cover factory expenses and for personal spending of his wife
- Wants son Lim A-bok to “divide the stove” - split family into two separate houses



Sisters-in-law Conflict

- Lim A-pou and Lim Chui-ieng, wife of head of family Lim Chieng-cua
- Lim Chui-ieng neither does her share of work nor do her children do work
- In terms of social class, higher than her husband Lim Chieng-cua
- Lim A-pou believes that Lim Chui-ieng and children are benefiting from her hard work and profits from land and raising pigs.

Uncle and Nephew Conflict

- Lim A-bok cultivates land. Hard work. No help from others except his mother Lim Apou
- Uncle, Chieng-cua takes greater share of income held in common
- Lim A-bok torn between obedience and deference owed to uncle as head of family and distrust of Uncle to be fair.

Lim So-lan

- Second wife but not legal wife
- Takes care of Lim Hue-lieng when he is injured but conflicts with Lim A-pou force them out
- No son means that So-lan is connected to House of Lim inn name only
- Has a House that cannot be extended
- After Lim Hue-lieng dies supports herself by renting her home as gambling house



Lim So lan's Family?

- No son therefore no link to Lim Family
- Daughter, Lim Gioq-ki bad tempered and mean spirited, only child born to Lim So-Lan and Lim Hue-lieng
- Adopted Daughter Lim A-hua, obedient daughter, victim of Lim Gioq-ki's temper because Lim A-hua is adopted and therefore inferior
- Who will care for Lim So Lan when she is old?

Lim Gioq-ki

- Married Main Land Chinese, Chang Jong-kuei
- Disobeys Father Lim Hue-lieng who wanted her to marry another so he adopt him as son and therefore his So-lan becomes member of the House of Lim
- Uncaring toward mother and mean spirited toward adopted sister
- Not obedient wife but aggressive and confronts husband

