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Place Names

Although there really is a place called the Thousand Island Lake south of the city of Hangzhou, the name Jin-an County is entirely fictional.

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For readers who wish to know the Chinese words and quotations which appear in the novel, we give hereunder the actual characters in the Chinese language:

P. 1 “*Wo men yao zhao lin tai tai.*” 「我們要找林太太」

P. 7 *chow mien* 「炒麵」

P. 18 *xiao shun* 「孝順」

P. 19 *yi* 「義」

P. 53 ‘flowers in the mirror and moon in the water’
「鏡花水月」

P. 54 Chinese churros 「油條」

P. 57 Legislative Yuan 「立法院」

P. 77 “Taiwanese always fall asleep in the car.
They need a toilet without going far.
They buy love potions in the morning,
To help them with the night’s whoring.”
「上車睡覺；下車尿尿；
早上買藥；晚上打炮。」

P. 79 *putonghua* 「普通話」

P. 129 “history is our mirror” 「以史為鑑」

P. 131 socialism 「社會主義」

P. 134 *renzhi* 「人治」

P. 143 *moutai* 「茅台」

P. 160 Mainland Travel Permit 「回鄉証」

P. 197 *The Water Margin* 「水滸傳」

P. 197 *Taihu rock* 「太湖石」

P. 216 “*Lin hua xie le chun hong, tai cong cong.*”
「林花謝了春紅，太匆匆。」

P. 219 “The lightness of being is like a dream in which moments of gaiety are ever so fleeting.”
「浮生若夢，為歡幾何。」

P. 232 “Beating a man when he is down” 「打落水狗」

P. 232 “A man in disgrace gets a hundred boots in his face.”
「一沉百踩」

P. 238 gangster-ism 黑社會主義」

P. 240 “It’s always 36 RMB, whether you work or let work be.”
「做又三十六，唔做又三十六。」

P. 336 *kowtow* 「叩頭」

P. 337 *kungfu* 「功夫」

P. 339 “*Your best iron does not nails make, nor your best son an army post take.*”
「好鐵不打釘，好男不當兵。」