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Weddings in Shanghai: Performing Happiness and Re-Verticalizing Kinship

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Weddings in Shanghai are often lavish and involve multiple rituals from early morning tea ceremonies to raucous toasting displays at evening banquets. However, close observation of the ceremonies and extended interviews with brides, grooms, and their parents reveal much more than a competitive display of conspicuous consumption. Rather close study of the multiple performances of gratitude and devotion document both the enduring centrality of filiality and newly intensified vertical ties of affection and loyalty between parents and their adult only child.

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