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# Traditional and Modern Views on Marriage and Love



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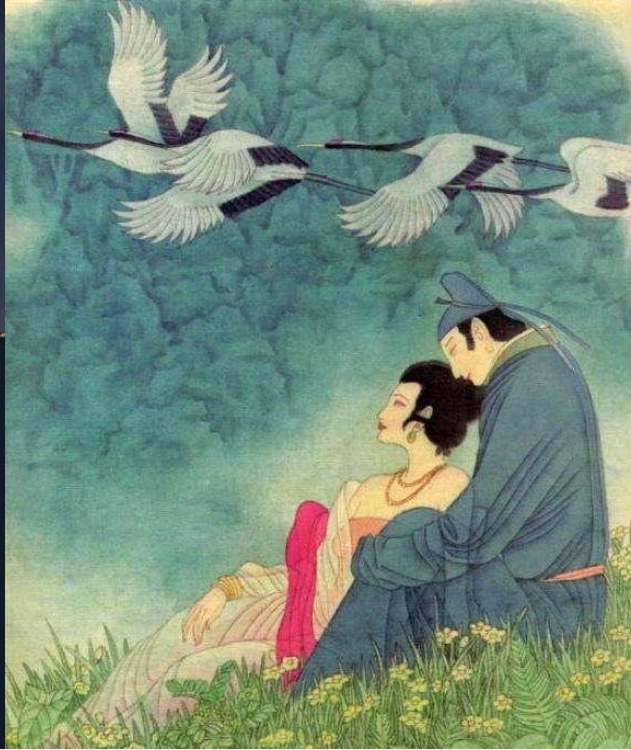
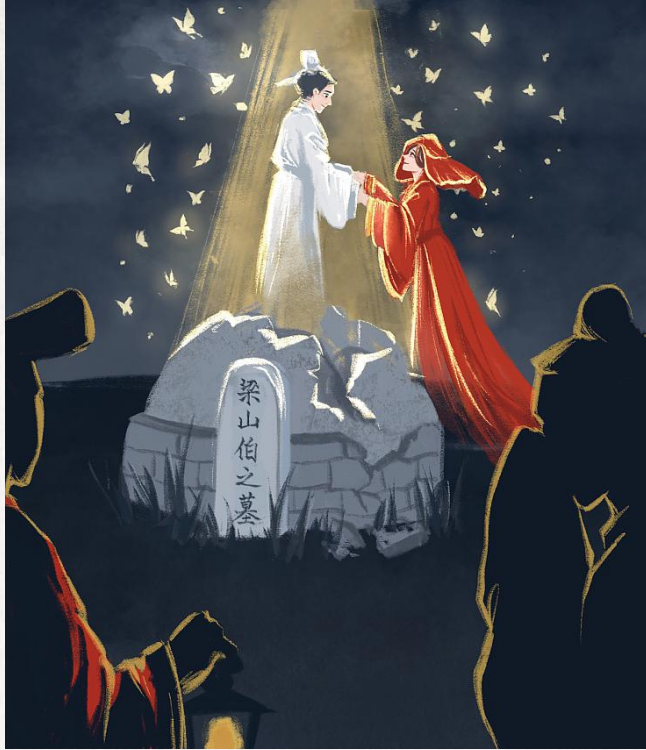


PART ONE

Views on Marriage and Love  
at Different Times



# Ancient Love Stories



# Glimpse

01

## Class distinctions:

- Rich girl and poor scholar
- Fairy and cowherd
- Human and demon

03

## Pity Endings:

- Died in love
- Difficult to meet

02

## External obstacles:

- Parents
- Feudal ideology of widowhood
- Queen Mother of the West
- Demon hunter



# Views on Marriage and Love at Ancient Times

- Parent-arranged marriage
- Strict hierarchy
- Money-minded
- The reproductive role of marriage
- Male superiority and female inferiority

# Parent-arranged marriage



Marriage emphasized the order of parents, matchmakers.

父母之命，媒妁之言

“If people do not wait for their parents' command and the words of the matchmakers, but peep through chinks and cross over walls, their parents and fellow citizens will all hold them in contempt.”

“不待父母之命、媒妁之言，钻穴隙相窥、逾墙相从，则父母、国人皆贱之。”（《孟子·滕文公下》）

**Love is an anomaly.**

# Strict hierarchy

Well-matched in social and economic status 门当户对



"Our Madam has met her before, and considering **their families are well-matched**, she agreed readily. After discussing with Lady Feng, it was settled by sending someone over."

“我们太太原是见过的，又且**门当户对**，也依了。和这里姨太太凤姑娘商议了打发人去一说，就成了。”

（《红楼梦》第七十九回）



# The reproductive role of marriage



"In the rites of marriage, the union of two families is emphasized, in order to serve the ancestral temples above and to continue the lineage below."——

Book of Rites

“昏礼者，将合二姓之好，上以事宗庙，而下以继后世也。”（《礼记·昏义》）

# Male superiority and female inferiority



polygyny



husband-centered view



chastity in marriage  
(for women)



# The First Marriage Law of the 1950s



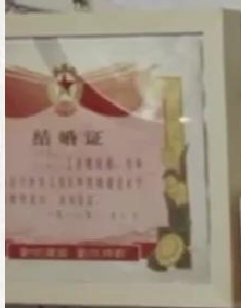
- People began to choose spouses and marriage methods **autonomously**.
- There was a **first wave of divorces**, as those who had long been oppressed by feudal patriarchal authority were encouraged by the Party and government to **free themselves from unhappy marriages**.

What does marriage mean to Chinese people?



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# Views on Marriage and Love in Modern Times

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- Monogamous marriage
- A new crucial factor in marriage
- Free love
- Equality of husband and wife



PART TWO

Changes in Views on  
Marriage and Love



# Changes

01

Marriage  
autonomy

03

The value of  
individuals in  
marriage

02

Mate selection  
views

04

Celibacy



# Marriage autonomy

## freedom of marry and divorce



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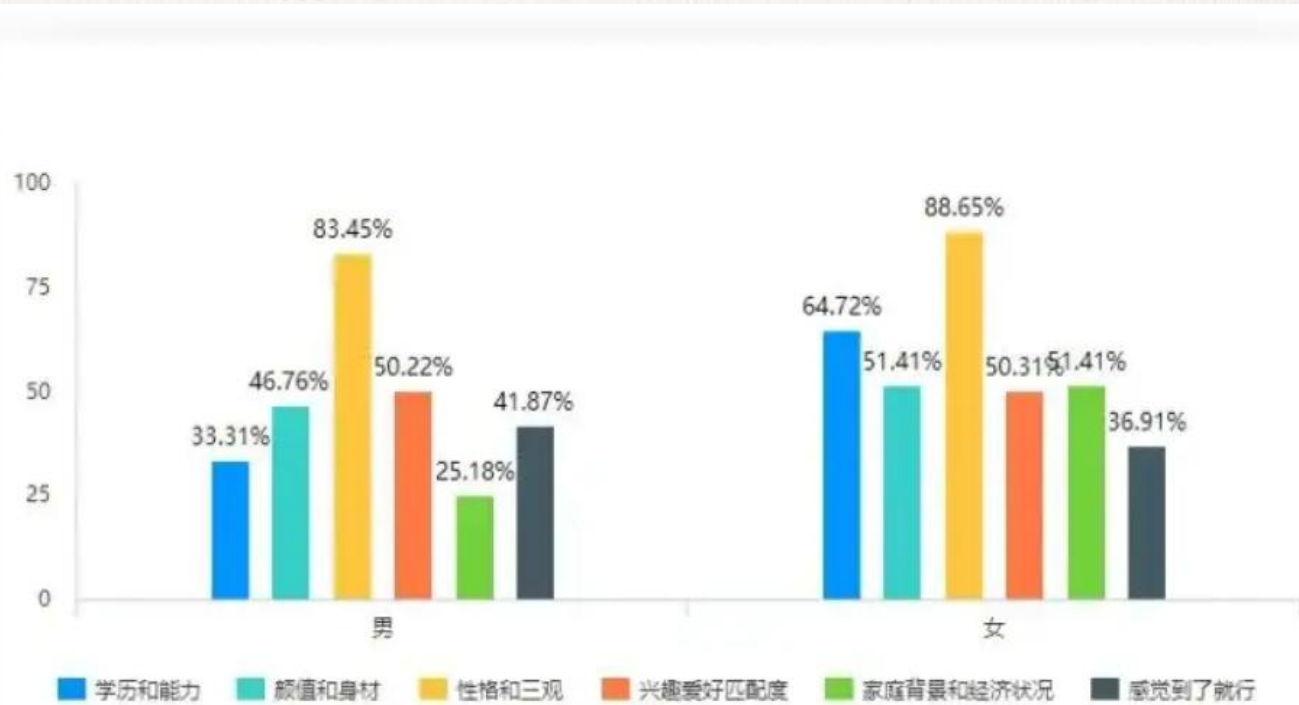


# Mate selection views

External qualities:  
family rank  
property  
...



Internal qualities:  
personal feelings  
knowledge  
...



# The value of individuals in marriage

Upholding love and marriage  
that has already 'died' to  
maintain family stability



Refusing to sacrifice own happiness  
pursue to achieve personal value



# Celibacy

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# PART Three

## Reasons of Changing



# Reasons of Changing



Economic



Culture



Politics



## Economic

The establishment of a socialist market economy:

- the intrinsic spirit of equality and competition
- the inherent profit-seeking nature of a market economy

## Culture

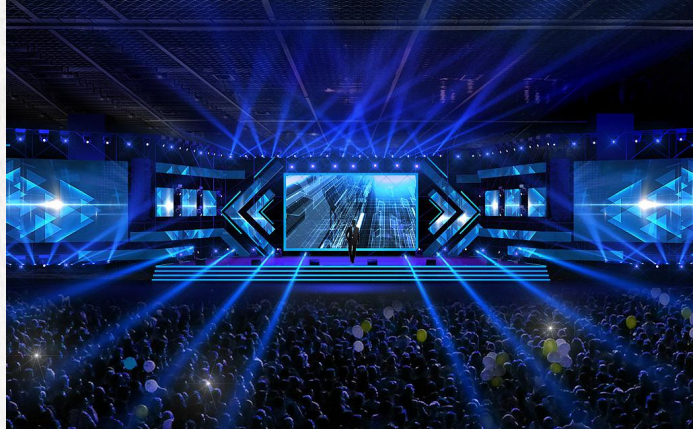
- The influence of Western Culture
- More activities

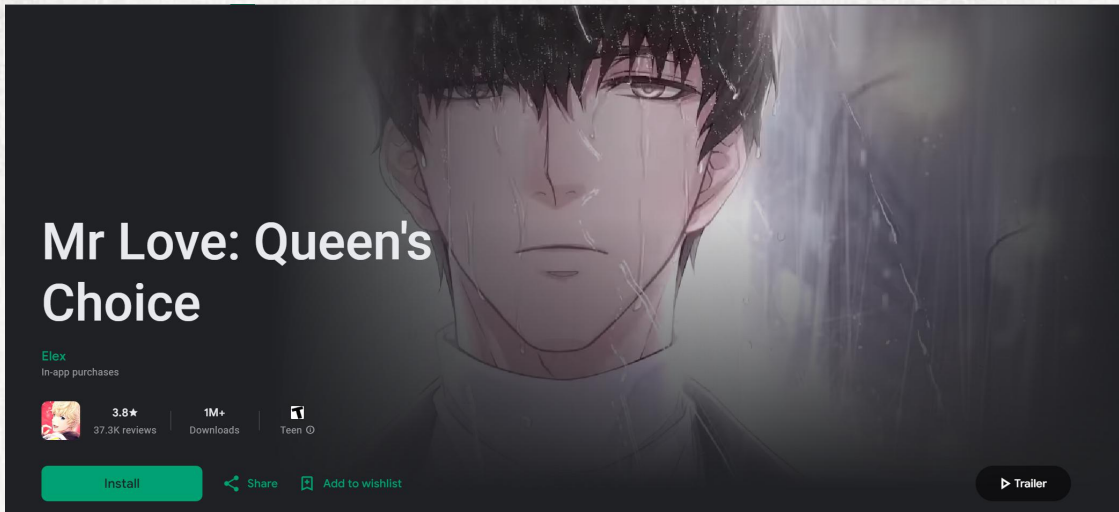
## Politics

- The development of democratic politics
- Legislation

## Technology


- Internet
- Biotechnology






**Mr Love: Queen's Choice**

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In-app purchases

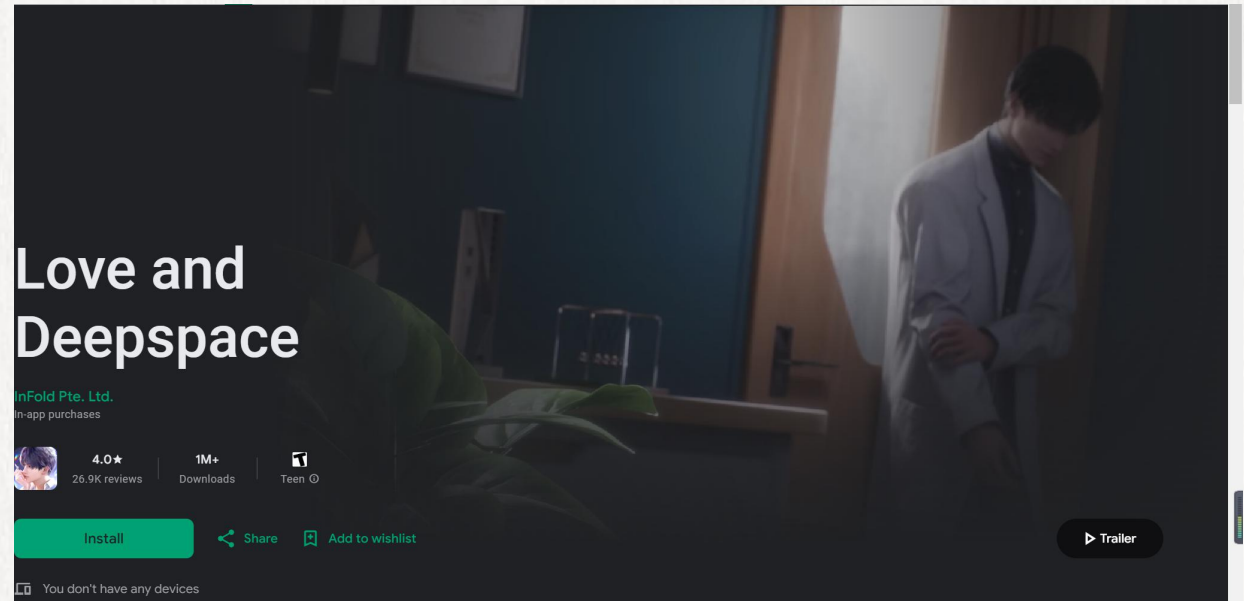
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# PART Four

## Critical Thinking



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