

Moments that Mattered

What was the moment?	What did you notice about Ji-Li?	Changes in Ji-Li
When you think back on the whole book, what are the moments that stand out most sharply in your memory?	What do you notice about what she says, does, or thinks during that moment?	How does what she does, says, feels, or thinks show a change from her actions, emotions, or thoughts before?
She was happy because she was loved and respected. She was proud because she was able to excel. (Prologue, 4)	<i>Example: She was always positive and felt like things in life were good.</i>	
"And I was happy until that fateful year in 1966." (Prologue, 5)		<i>Example: She's telling us that she was happy but then it all changed in 1966.</i>
She got off the bus and saw people trying to destroy a sign; she saw a man being ridiculed for his pants and shoes. (Destroy the Four Olds, 24 -27)		
She learned that her political background was different than the one that is being pushed. (Red Successors, 58)	<i>Example: She is upset and wishes that she has been born into a black family that had a good class status.</i>	
There was a da-zi-bao posted about her at her school that said she was having an inappropriate relationship with a teacher (Writing Da-Zi-Bao, 41)		
Red Guards searched her home the first time and ransacked it; they destroyed a lot of her things (Search in Passing, 88)		

<p>Met with Officer Ma to change her name so that it would change her class status and she would receive better treatment, however she realized that if she changes her name she has to break all ties with her "black" family (Half City Jiangs, 23-24)</p>		
<p>She did her presentation and it was very emotional, the Chairman came to her and asked her to be part of them by telling on her dad. She refused saying that her dad never said anything against Chairman Mao (The Class Education Exhibition, 43 - 44)</p>		
<p>Her mom and uncle started writing the letter to Municipal Party complaining about the negative treatment from Red Guards (Incriminating Letter, 8)</p>		
<p>She hides the letter in the litter box; the Red Guards come searching and accuse her of having it (Incriminating Letter, 30)</p>		
<p>Made her Grandma and mom kneel down as further manipulation - slapped the grandma (Incriminating Letter, 41)</p>		
<p>Realizes that she would have to start taking care of her family if something were to happen (Sweeping)</p>	<p><i>Example: She stands there and watches it all happen. She doesn't step in but she's also only a kid.</i></p>	