Captions for Gallery in Leftover Women Sidebar in Chapter 3

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*She’s a college graduate. She’s found a wedding dress. What she can’t find is a man.*

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*“Over-educated,” says the man on the left. “Too strong,” his companion echoes. Their words chill her.*

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*Women stand on boxes labeled “high salary,” “high-ranking job,” and “well-educated.” They are searching for men at their level – ignoring those who have not achieved as much as they have.*

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*“It’s not fair!” says the woman, whose academic achievements weigh down her pursuit of love.*

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*Refusing a blind date gets fingers pointing; they call her “picky,” “arrogant,” “rude,” “self-righteous,” and a “leftover woman.” Feeling sad, she asks, “What should I do?”*

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*When her mother presents a schedule of blind dates for the Lunar New Year holiday, her sweating daughter replies, “It’s busier than my work schedule.”*

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*“Your job is to study. I’ll find a boyfriend for you,” her mother says, parading her PhD daughter before potential husbands.*

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*Parents find ways to make even the most reluctant daughter go on a blind date.*

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*Maybe it’s already too late for this college graduate who runs after Cupid looking for love. This cartoon is called “Don’t leave me behind!”*

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*Her crown labels her a “saint.” She’s climbed her way to the highest rank of leftover women: “Great Sage Equal of Heaven.”*