0旁白1贾母2贾政3薛夫人4薛科5贾琏6王熙凤7宝玉8袭人9仆人

The Lady Dowager stands determined.

**1 LADY DOWAGER**

If you're willing, I know a way to get around these obstacles. I shall go myself with your wife to ask Aunt Xue's consent. As for Pan, I'll get Ke to tell him that we have to do this to save Baoyu's life, and then he's bound to agree.

**2 JIA ZHENG**

But mother, what about the mourning?

**1 LADY DOWAGER**

We just want a happy event to ward off evil. With both families agreeing and the prediction about the young people's 'gold' and 'jade', there's no need to compare their horoscopes. We'll just select a good date to exchange gifts and choose a day for the wedding.

**2 JIA ZHENG**

I'm only afraid Aunt Xue's family may not agree.

**1 LADY DOWAGER**

Just leave Aunt Xue to me.

The Lady Dowager and Lady Wang persuade Aunt Xue to agree.

**1 LADY DOWAGER**

Aunt Xue, it's for the best.

**3 AUNT XUE**

I know, but Baochai...

**1 LADY DOWAGER**

She's always been so obedient. She won't object.

**3 AUNT XUE**

Alright, I'll agree.

Aunt Xue tells Xue Ke to send a card to Jia Lian.

**3 AUNT XUE**

Send a card to Jia Lian and ask the date for the exchange of gifts.

**4 XUE KE**

Yes, Auntie.

Jia Lian calls on Aunt Xue.

**5 JIA LIAN**

Tomorrow is a very auspicious day. I propose we exchange gifts tomorrow.

**3 AUNT XUE**

Alright, nephew.

Lady Wang tells Xifeng to take the gifts to the old lady.

**5 LADY WANG**

Take the gifts to the old lady for inspection.

**6 XIFENG**

Yes, my lady.

Baoyu waits in Lady Wang's room for the wedding.

**7 BAOYU**

Why is it taking so long?

**8 XIREN**

They're waiting for the appointed hour.

**7 BAOYU**

I can't wait to see her.

The sedan chair arrives with Baochai.

**9 MAID**

The bride has arrived.

The bride and groom perform wedding rituals.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Bow to each other.

**7 BAOYU**

Baochai...

He looks at her with a mix of excitement and nervousness.

Baochai lowers her head shyly.

The Master of Ceremonies continues with the ceremony.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Now, bow to the elders.

Baoyu and Baochai bow to the Lady Dowager and Jia Zheng.

**1 LADY DOWAGER**

May your marriage be blessed.

**2 JIA ZHENG**

Welcome to the family, Baochai.

The couple then exchanges a few more traditional gestures.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Now, present the wedding cup to each other.

Baoyu and Baochai take turns drinking from the cup.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Now, light the wedding candle together.

They light the candle with a single match.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

You may now enter the bridal chamber.

Baoyu takes Baochai's hand and leads her to the chamber.

Baoyu and Baochai enter the chamber, full of excitement and anticipation.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Now, sit on the bed.

They sit on the bed, surrounded by festive decorations.

**1~6,8,9 MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Now, let down the bed curtains.

They pull down the curtains, symbolizing the start of their married life together.