*RULES OF THE GAME* by Amy Tan

(Q 1-2 Paragraphs 1-3)

1. What do you learn about the narrator in these paragraphs?
2. What do you learn about the narrator’s mother in these paragraphs?
3. What “game” is Waverly “playing” with her mother and what “rules” does she learn?
4. What does Waverly’s description of “the art of invisible strength” suggest about what “strength” means to her mother?
5. What does Waverly’s description of her mother’s lesson about “the art of invisible strength” suggest about the expectations Waverly’s mother has for her daughter?
6. How does the example of the “wise guy” develop what Waverly’s mother means by “invisible strength” ?
7. How does Waverly’s behavior at the store the next week demonstrate her understanding of “invisible strength”?
8. According to Waverly, “invisible strength” is “a strategy for winning”. What, if anything, does Waverly win from her mother in this excerpt?
9. What, if anything, does Waverly’s mother “win” from her daughter in this excerpt?
10. What do the interactions between Waverly and her mother in the first three paragraph suggest about their relationship?