Chapter 3: An Obsession with Control
中国: “Middle Kingdom”
分久必合, 合久必分: “After a long split, a union will occur; after a long union, a split will occur”
天下: “All under heaven”

Chapter 4: Turning Weakness into Strength
名不正, 则言不顺; 言不顺, 则事不成: “If names cannot be correct, then language is not in accordance with the truth of things; and if language is not in accordance with the truth of things, affairs cannot be carried on to success”
擦枪走火: “to shoot accidently while polishing a gun”

Chapter 12: Making Him Safer Without Them
적화통일: “red-colored unification”
돈주: “masters of money”
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