

Eye of a Tiger

after Constance Wu

Just because I play a tiger mom on TV
And am equally fierce in real life
Doesn't mean I can't be hurt.
Tigers are endangered after all,
Being hunted by men
And sensitive to habitat destruction.
Despite being a hustler
And a trailblazer for Asian-American girl bosses—
Or a diva, as some would claim—
I still have wounds and weaknesses.
My fairy tale ended with the last “cut”,
And I've relented to men with power.
Because even crazy rich Asian women
Can lose the fortune,
Especially since less than 1% of us
Reach that top spot in the company
(Despite being in the top of our graduating class).
A victim is not a Model Minority,
And a survivor is a problem
For making a scene.
But I've had enough of being silent
And supposedly grateful
So I'll sharpen my claws and tongue
And carve a happy ending to my story.