Eating Rice from Bamboo Roots
The Social History of a Community of Handicraft Papermakers in Rural Sichuan, 1920–2000

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