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> commitment to countering the dominant ideologies of maternal selfsacrifice foundational to both Irish and Caribbean nationalist rhetoric,

offering instead the possibility of integrating maternal agency into an effective model of female citizenship.