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Since you've come this far,
why don't you go the extra mile?

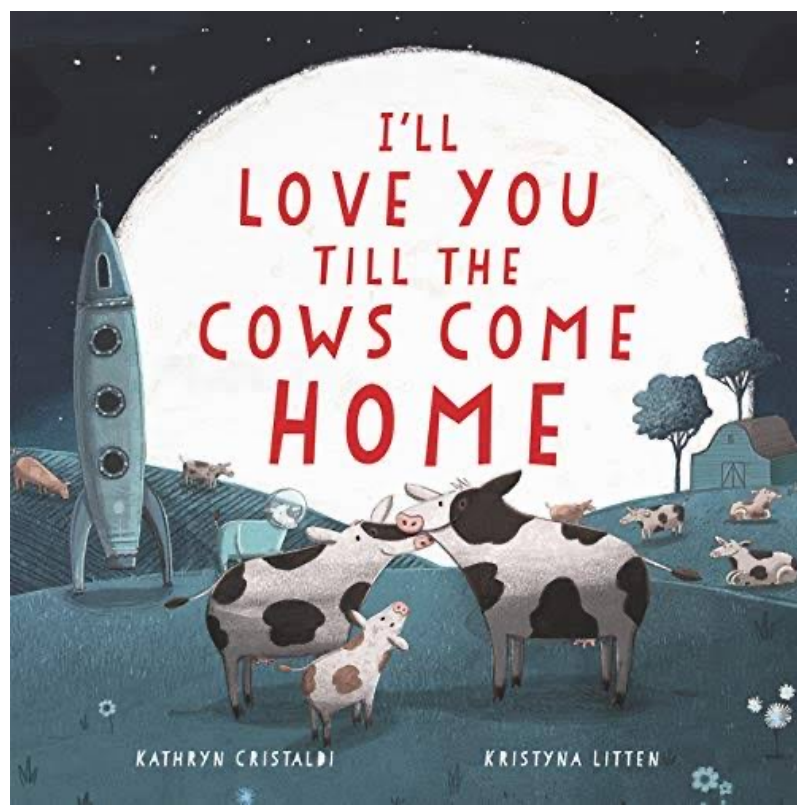


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说几个有关“很长时间”“没完没了”的说法。

1) ad nauseam, 拉丁语, 唠唠叨叨没完没了又很无趣。类似的还有 ad infinitum。这样的词掌握几个挺好玩。

2) do something until the cows come home, 一般表示“你这就是白费口舌”, 想到范伟说“忽悠, 接着忽悠”——不管你说多久, 你这一套对我没用! 这个说法下在一些语境中也表示“一直”“永远”, 比如 I love you until the cows come home.



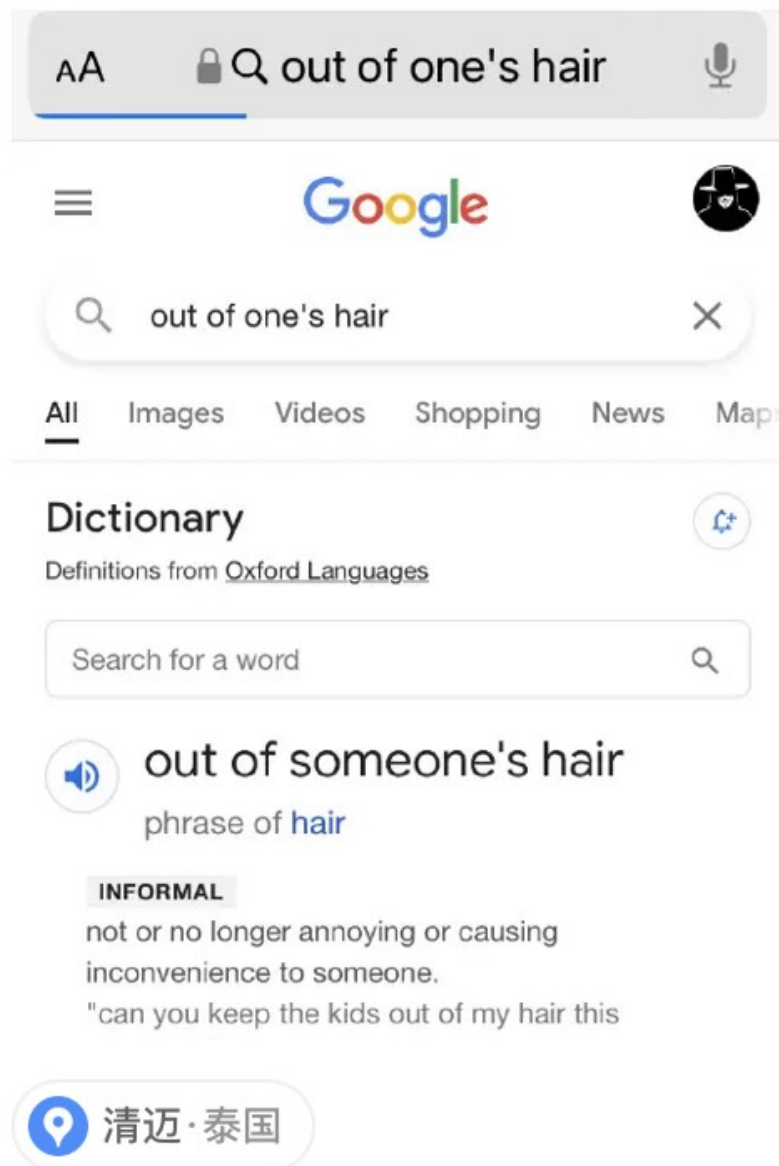


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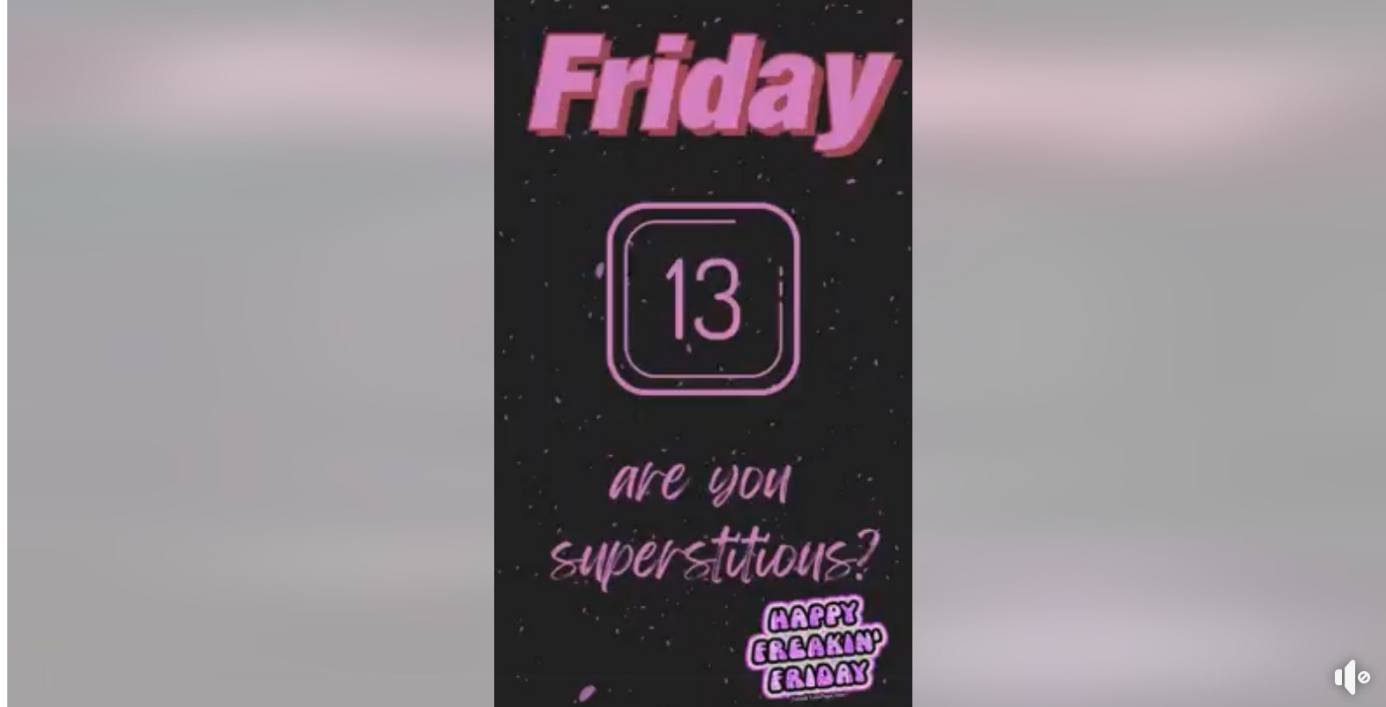


昨天和几位美国大叔聊天，印象深刻的一个习语 out of one's hair，表示“不再烦某人”。想到类似的常见说法 Get off my back, get off my case。



7 [PHRASE 短语] 非常整洁;衣冠楚楚; If you say that someone has not a hair out of place, you are emphasizing that they are extremely smart and neatly dressed. [emphasis]

She had a lot of make-up on and not a hair out of place.
她化了浓妆，精致得让人挑不出一丝瑕疵。



What are you superstitious about? I knock on wood to ward off bad juju I don't want to happen.

What is the meaning of bad juju?

(informal) **The (usually negative) karmic consequences of an action or behavior.** That's some bad juju.



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Where does bad juju come from?

It's a word (of **West African origin**) that refers to a special sort of magic — a power believed to be associated with certain objects and conferred upon those who own or touch them. According to the shamanistic traditions that believe in such things, there's good juju and bad juju. Nov 12, 2562 BE

"Don't you ever kill spiders

because it's bad juju in your life."



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Joie de vivre



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梁丽萍 Liping: Exuberant enjoyment of life. Live your life with gusto.



hodgepodge hodge·podge /'hɒdʒpɒdʒ/

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n.

1. 杂烩菜

2. 混杂物,大杂烩;一团糟

- a hodgepodge of people

各色人等

- His speech was a hodgepodge of disconnected ideas.

他的发言是一些支离破碎的想法拼凑成的大杂烩。

mixed bag

1 [N-SING 单数名词] (物或人的)杂集, 大杂烩, 混合体; 局势的混杂; **If you describe a situation or a group of things or people as a mixed bag, you mean that it contains some good items, features, or people and some bad ones.** [usu a N]

Research on athletes and ordinary human subjects has yielded a mixed bag of results...

对运动员和普通人的研究得出的结果不一。

This autumn's collections are a very mixed bag.

今年秋装系列风格迥异。



Catering sector business bounces back



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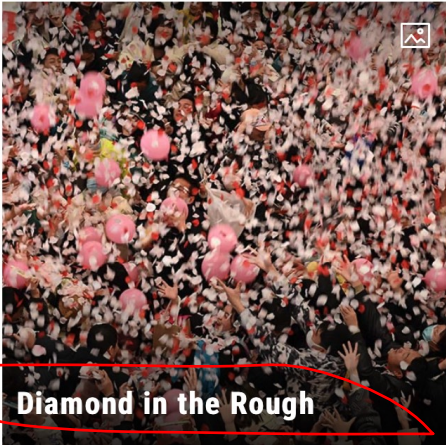
Developing farming a national priority



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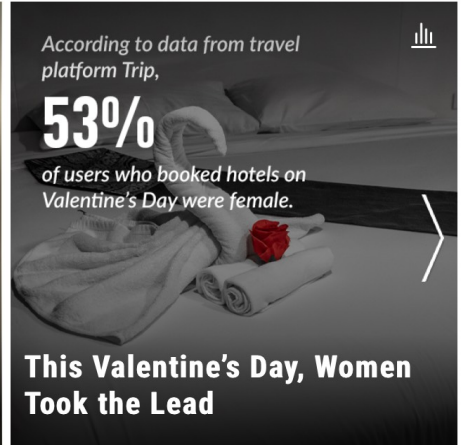
Wildfire-fighting 'bowknot rider' ties the knot



Diamond in the Rough



Soccer Official Probed for Graft



This Valentine's Day, Women Took the Lead

PHOTO

Diamond in the Rough

People try to grasp for a diamond ring dropped among a storm of petals at a shopping mall in Xiangyang, Hubei province, Feb. 14, 2023. VCG



#TRENDING

Soccer Official Probed for Graft

Chen Xuyuan, China's top soccer official, is under investigation for corruption, according to an official notice published Tuesday. An anti-corruption campaign has swept through Chinese soccer in recent months: in addition to Chen, former men's national team coach Li Tie has also been detained.

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The Mixed Signals of China's New-Look Dating Shows

Alone on Valentine's Day? These expert panelists promise they can fix you.

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For all the concern mainstream media outlets have showered on China's declining marriage and fertility rates, the country's reality dating shows just keep chugging along.

Indeed, ever since the debut of "If You Are the One" in 2010, dating programs have been a **rare constant** on China's television landscape. There's seemingly a show for everyone, from "leftover women" to the **elderly** — even couples in the midst of a **divorce**. But the current standard-bearer for the genre is probably "**Heart Signal**." Based on a Korean reality show, "Heart Signal" has won over audiences by promising a fully annotated look at the world of contemporary dating. In each episode, the show's panel of experts, including actors, professional debaters, and a sociologist, breaks down the various couples, analyzing their progress, second-guessing their decisions, and offering viewers advice for their own love lives.

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voices
from
today's
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SIXTH TONE

HINDSIGHT IS 20/20

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This expression means: **It's easier to analyze and evaluate situations when we're looking back on them in the past, than when we're in the present moment.** The word hindsight refers to looking back or reflecting on things in the past, and 20/20 refers to perfect vision.



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English phrase: Hindsight is 20/20

This obsession with authenticity elides important problems with the current crop of dating shows. First, even by the standards of reality TV, they tend to gloss over the most common real-life challenges singles face on the dating scene.

Foremost among these is the issue of class. Contestants fret about flighty young men or when to tell a prospective partner about their kid, but their wealth is taken for granted. While “If You Are the One” was often critiqued for spotlighting a mercenary approach to relationships, “Heart Signal” simply excludes the non-wealthy. Its cast seems to hail from a utopia in which everyone has money and thorny questions of home ownership, betrothal gifts, and housework arrangements are extraneous. Participants are expected to maintain the illusion, while members of the working class are, to use a term from my own field of media studies, “symbolically annihilated” from the dating scene.



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Feb 19, 2564 BE — This is dumb, **even by the standards of** the federal government. You won't believe this.... In case anyone missed it, the only reason the hole ...



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Even by the standards of poor countries, India is alarmingly ...

Dec 8, 2561 BE — Even by the standards of poor countries, India is alarmingly filthy. For its own sake, and the world's, it needs to clean up. Dec 8th 2018.



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Even by the standards of cancel culture, what has been ...

“**Even by the standards of** cancel culture, what has been done to Lady Hussey is horrendous. She's been made into a witch.

if that's not (something), (then) I don't know what is

(redirected from *if that's not, I don't know what is*)

if that's not (something), (then) I don't know what is

Used to indicate that something is very clearly or obviously a genuine instance of something else.

I'm offering a brand new washing machine for just \$300! Come on, if that's not a great bargain, I don't know what is!

China reopens to South Korean visitors, ending Covid-19 tit-for-tat

- Short-term visas will once again be available from Saturday, the Chinese embassy in Seoul has announced
- The decision follows hard on the heels of Seoul's decision to lift restrictions on arrivals from China



Zhuang Pinghui in [Beijing](#) and Sylvie Zhuang in [Beijing](#)

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China will start issuing short-term visas to [South Korean](#) citizens on Saturday, the Chinese embassy in Seoul said on Wednesday morning.

Business, transit and general visas for personal visits will be reinstated, the embassy said in a statement, released days after South Korea's [decision](#) to restart issuing visas for Chinese visitors.

↳ According to Seoul, the number of Covid-19 infections among Chinese arrivals has dropped significantly and the cases include only known variants of the virus.

Singer Wang Leehom's ex-wife Lee Jinglei blasts him in bitter custody battle over 3 children

- Lee berated Wang for describing how he is robbed of the opportunity to visit his children in his latest song
- The pair filed for divorce in 2021 after the Taiwanese-American singer was accused of infidelity and bullying

Lee Jinglei broke her silence of more than a year to lash out at her ex-husband and Mandopop star Wang Leehom for “playing the victim”.

The couple are currently embroiled in a bitter custody battle over their three children following an acrimonious divorce filed in December 2021.

The 36-year-old Lee rebutted the Taiwanese-American singer whose latest song describes how he is robbed of the opportunity to visit his kids, reported Sin Chew Daily.

“You have been seeing all this all this while. Can you not [make false claims] at the expense of your children?”

“Is it really that hard to take off your mask and act like a real human being?” she wrote on Instagram, adding that truth will always prevail.

Wang, in his post-divorce comeback concert in Las Vegas last month, performed a new song titled *See Each Other Whenever We Want To* in which he sang of his longing to see his children again.

In 2021, right after their shock divorce, Lee accused him of various misdeeds, indiscretions and bullying throughout their eight-year marriage. In response, Wang apologised to his family and fans.

The children are currently living with Lee at Wang's former luxury flat in Taipei.

The "700m road" lyrics are believed to reference the fact that Wang is prevented from seeing his children despite living close by.

Wang initially refused Lee's request that he give the mansion in which they live to her and the children, saying that he could "loan" it to her but it should be returned when the children grow up. But after a public outcry, Wang announced he would hand over the condominium on Renai Road in Taipei, worth some NT\$480 million (about US\$17 million), to Lee.

Fans of Lee were excited to see her being vocal again.

"The hammer of Thunder Goddess (a pun on Lee's Chinese name) is back!" one netizen wrote.

Wang was born in New York to parents who moved to the United States to further their college studies. He majored in music and Asian studies and graduated with honours from Williams College, before entering Berklee College of Music's professional music programme.

At the US-Asia Entertainment Summit in 2019, Wang was called the "King of Chinese Pop" who had revolutionised the music scene with an evolving blend of pop, hip-hop, R&B, and traditional Chinese music ranging from aboriginal folk music to Peking opera, by Asia Society, a global non-profit organisation.

He also starred in the 2007 erotic espionage period drama *Lust, Caution*, directed by award-winning Taiwanese filmmaker Ang Lee.

Migration from the cold north to warmer south is not just for the birds

IN FOCUS



ENTERTAINMENT

Oscar Wilde's timeless classic adapted into a Chinese musical

The novel "The Picture of Dorian Gray," which was published in 1890, is regarded as a Gothic literary classic and retains practical relevance in the modern era.



OPINION

We are what we eat. That's the problem. Junk food trumps nutrition

With obesity levels rising on the heels of prosperity, could an advertising ban on processed fast food help turn things around?



METRO

Back to normal as students start a new semester

The first semester after the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions started on Wednesday with about 1.65 million students returning to schools and campuses.

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Some Chinese retirees are taking a cue from the "snowbird" trend of North America, migrating from cold hometowns to warmer climes south to spend winter or even the rest of their lives.

And so it was that a man surnamed Ren and his wife surnamed Duan left the harsh winter of their home in the northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region to spend the recent Spring Festival in a southwestern resort to see if they might like to move there permanently.

The couple, both in their late 50s, used the Sichuan Province town of Qingchengshan, near Chengdu, as a base for exploring this retirement option.

→ The area had a lot going for it – lush vegetation, a relaxing ambience, nearby Qingshan Mountain and proximity to the ancient town of Jiezi.

But Ren also found drawbacks.

"There was no central heating there, and the rain was particularly dreary," he said.

So the couple hit the road again, heading for a place hyped as the "Town of Longevity" in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of southern China. It's a popular venue for people seeking health restoration.

In a recent interview with the China Economic Weekly magazine, a man surnamed Guo and his wife, who were from the Northeast, rented a one-bedroom unit in Sanya for six months last October.

They found the environment very amenable.

"We found it was easy to adapt quickly," Guo's wife was quoted as saying. "Many hometown delicacies are available here, vegetables are cheap and we meet fellow northeasterners. Many of our friends have bought property here as a winter retreat."

Their plan was almost disrupted when China abruptly readjusted its coronavirus controls and tourists again started flocking back to Hainan. The landlord of their flat decided the couple's 2,500 yuan-a-month rent wasn't enough and tried to buy them out with compensation. The couple was angry, but in the end, the owner agreed to let the flat to the couple at higher rent.

Indeed, some ~~southern~~ escape locales are pricing themselves out of the "snowbird" trend.

Another popular destination for northeasterners is the southwest province of Yunnan, famous for its spring-like weather all year round.

According to a man surnamed Wang, whose chronic conditions like asthma were exacerbated during cold winters in the Northeast, the climate in Yunnan is much more conducive to his health. He said about half of the residents in his community in Xishuangbanna are from the Northeast, and there is even a street specialized in selling northeastern food fare.

But relief comes at a price here, too. New flats in Xishuangbanna were priced at nearly 10,000 yuan a square meter in 2018 and 2019. The advent of the coronavirus pandemic drove prices down considerably, but they are rising again with the lifting of pandemic controls.

Incomers pay a high premium, especially for houses facing south.

Wang, like many Chinese "snowbirds," is discovering the trade-offs of migration.

For one thing, incomers often find themselves ineligible for local old age benefits and are confronted with some setbacks when seeking medical services.

We are what we eat. That's the problem. Junk food trumps nutrition



By Wan Lixin

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The traditional sumptuous family feast on the eve of the Lunar New Year last month revealed an alarming generational divide in many homes.

Our family was one example. Two cousins, aged 15 and 20, snacked on junk foods prior to the event, diminishing their appetites. Grandparents' attempts to get the young people to eat some of the nutritious dishes on the table came to naught.

And when the grandma asked my young son to select some leftovers to take home, he chose two bottles of Coke.

So it came as some relief to learn that multinational food giant Unilever has announced it is raising the age for restricting its food and beverage marketing to include children between 13 and 16 years old.

When her husband, then a teenager then, finally drank his first can of Coke his father managed to get through the "back door," he said it was "bubbling, piquant, but not too sweet" – familiar words from ads. He later switched to Pepsi.

Why we have developed such a predilection for ultra-processed foods is hard to understand when more traditional, fresh food is so tasty. The loss of appetite for plain, wholesome food is alarming.

For some time, there's been public mockery about the quality and taste of food served up in office and school canteens. What the critics don't seem to understand is that the problem is often us, not canteens.

With fast food eateries springing up on every street corner, our traditional food is losing out to processed food rife with flavor enhancers that tend to attract consumers. Common sense is losing out to taste buds, and eventually to corporate profits.

Marketing bans are welcome, but what may be needed is better public education about nutrition, starting with schools. Young people taught to choose apples over soda pop when snacking might carry healthy attitudes into adulthood and pass them onto their own children.

No doubt, it's an uphill battle.