



Instagram

被指控危害儿童安全

A group of US states are investigating how Instagram targets children, despite it posing potential risks to them.

The group - made up of both Democratic and Republican states - is investigating Instagram and Facebook's parent company Meta to determine if consumer protection laws were broken.

It comes after a company whistleblower testified in the US that the company knew its products can harm children. A Meta spokesman on Thursday denied that their platforms are unhealthy.

语言点

- investigate /ɪn'vestigeɪt/ v. 调查
- target sb. 把某人当作目标
- potential risks 潜在风险
- be made up of 由...组成
- Clouds are made up of little drops. 云是由小水珠组成的。
- The book is made up of 12 chapters. 这本书有12章。
- determine /dɪ'tɜ:mɪn/ v. 确定, 查明(某个事实); 决定
- whistleblower /'wɪs(ə)l blaʊə/ n. 吹哨人(冒着个人危险揭露事实的人)

Author/ Zhu Hongyi

Apple delivered a message to employees that was striking given its reputation for secrecy: a reminder that workers may discuss wages, hours and working conditions.

The notice came as some employees have been pushing Apple to do more to ensure there are no unfair gaps in pay across the company.

"We encourage any employee with concerns to raise them in the way they feel most comfortable, internally or externally," the post states.

员工之间能自由讨论薪酬吗?

苹果公司: YES

语言点

- striking /'straɪkɪŋ/ adj. 异乎寻常的, 引人注目的 (interesting and unusual enough to attract attention)
- one's striking good looks 某人的盛世容颜
- given sth. 考虑到; 鉴于
- Given the circumstances, you've done really well. 鉴于这种情况, 你真的已经做得很好了。
- conditions /kən'dɪʃ(ə)nz/ n. 物质条件, 实际环境
- 注: 在表示居住、工作或做事的环境、条件、境况时, 通常要用复数 conditions
- living/housing conditions 生活/住房条件
- push sb. to do sth. 敦促或逼迫某人做某事
- No one pushed you to take the job, did they? 谁也没逼着你接受这份工作, 对不对?
- gap/gæp/ n. 差距, 差别; 缺口, 裂缝
- generation gap 代沟
- unfair gaps in pay 不公的薪酬差异
- concern /kən'sɜ:m/ n. 担心或关切的事情
- raise/express/voice concern 表达关切

An Australian TV host has said he is "mortified" over an error that cost his network an interview with singer Adele.

Matt Doran - from Channel 7 - flew from Sydney to London on 4 November to meet Adele for her only Australian interview about her new album, 30.

But after admitting during it that he had not listened to the album, Sony withheld the interview footage.

语言点

- mortified /mɔ:rtə'faɪd/ adj. 极度尴尬的
 - mortify v. 让...很尴尬 (make someone very embarrassed)
 - I feel really embarrassed. 我觉得非常尴尬。
 - The host was mortified to discover that she got the guests name wrong five times. 这位主持人感到非常尴尬, 因为她发现连续5次叫错了嘉宾的名字。
 - cost sb + 名词表示“使某人失去...”(make people lose that thing)
 - His strong stand on the issue would cost him his job. 他在这个问题上的强硬立场, 会让他丢掉饭碗。
 - cost /kɒst, kɑ:st/ v. 付出代价 n. 费用, 成本
 - cost of living 生活成本
 - cover the cost 支付费用
 - withhold /wɪð'hoʊld/ v. 扣留
 - I withheld payment until they had completed the work. 直到他们完成工作我才付款。
 - footage /'fʊtɪdʒ/ n. 视频片段
- 澳洲唯一一场阿黛尔采访
被主持人搞砸

Smile at the little Prince——Michael

He was often referred to as the King, but the Michael that I knew always reminded me more of the little prince. Thinking of him now, I would like to share a passage from the book. "What moves me so deeply about this sleeping prince is his loyalty to a flower. The image of a rose shining within him like the flame within a lamp, even when he is asleep. And I realized he was even more fragile than I had thought. Lamps must be protected. A gust of wind can blow them out."

Michael's sensitivity was even more extraordinary than his talent, and his true truth resided in his heart. As the little prince also said, "Eyes are blind. You have to look with the heart. What's most important is invisible." Michael saw everything with his heart. To his family, his brothers and sisters, Katherine, Joe, and to his children, Prince, Paris, Blanket, my prayers are with you.

Michael's favorite song was not one of the countless masterpieces that he gave us but it was a song that Charlie Chaplin wrote for the movie "Modern Times." It's called "Smile." There is a line in the song that says, "Smile though your heart is aching." Today, although our hearts are aching, we need to look up where he is undoubtedly perched in a crescent moon, and we need to smile.

(Bogie Shields speaks at Michael Jackson' memorial service)

Author/ Yang Yaxian

语言点

- a gust of wind 一阵风
- 关于风的英语表达: breeze 微风 a sea breeze 柔和的海风 gale 大风, 飓风 The gale blew down hundreds of trees. Hurricane 飓风 tornado 龙卷风
- reside in 存在于 Happiness does not reside in strength or money.
- line 便条; 歌词; 诗行; 台词, 对白 a line from the film 'Casablanca' 电影《卡萨布兰卡》里的一句话
- a crescent moon 新月

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WITH THE
"RIGHT" PERSON



Author/ Zhu Hongyi

■ 导读

当我们抱着所谓的择偶标准，给未来那个Ta设置各种条条框框的时候，我们很难遇到这样一个标准化的对象。命中注定的伴侣，是两个人共同努力，彼此塑造的结果。

你将学到：

“奔现见光死”怎么说？

compatibility 是什么意思？

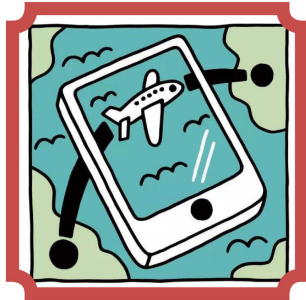
■ 英文原文

Goodbye, My Fantasy Man

By Lavinia Spalding

The night I agreed to try online dating, I told my roommate Meghan I hoped I wouldn't meet anyone because that wasn't the kind of story I wanted to tell.

"I know myself," I said. "Anything short of kismet won't work." I have always loved the word "kismet." Arabic in origin (from "qisma," meaning portion or lot), it's just a nerdy synonym for fate. But from a young age, I



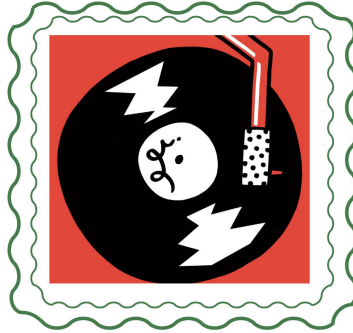
have believed in it, searched for it and trusted I would find it.

This is my parents' fault. My mother and father met at a party in Boston when she was 22 and he was 17. My father was tall and slender with a pointy goatee, and when he crashed the party carrying his classical guitar, my mother took one look and told a friend, "He's the one for me. I'm going to marry him."

"I'd better introduce you, then," the friend said, leading her to him. "Dolly, meet Wally. You're made for each other."

My parents went home together that night, and six weeks later they stole my aunt's car and drove cross-country to San Francisco. They were beatniks, so they headed to City Lights Books, where the owner, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, fed them spaghetti and whiskey and let them stay a night in the store basement.

After some time in the city, though, their cash ran out, so they called my grandmother and



lied, saying they had eloped. She wired money and they returned to Boston, where they posed as newlyweds to live together.

About a year later, they borrowed a friend's Triumph roadster and drove to North Carolina, where they could elope without parental consent. They were married for 43 years, until my father died in 2004.

So the thought of "We met online" didn't exactly weaken my knees.

Nonetheless, rounding 40, never married and growing impatient, I composed a long profile that included my favorite books, music and films. When I reached the question "What are you looking for in a relationship?", I couldn't help myself. "Kismet," I wrote. "Is that so much to ask?"

Meghan had convinced me to start online dating by promising she would do it with me. To cover our bases, we registered on two sites: OkCupid (which was free) and eHarmony (which was definitely not). Soon Meghan began going on dates, returning to our San Francisco apartment with accounts of cringe-worthy misrepresentations and awkward conversations.

I stayed home. I'd spotted zero signs of kismet (not even any artistic or literary overlap), and I refused to settle for less.

Sometimes Meghan would carry her laptop into my bedroom. Once she said, "I found someone for you. He's cute and funny, but too short for me." (I'm 5-foot-1.) Another time, we received the same message from the same guy: "I'm sorry, but I just have to lay it on the line and let you know, despite the fact you hear it all the time, that you're undeniably, effortlessly and strikingly attractive."

I grew discouraged. From what I could tell, the internet was where kismet went to die.

.....to be continued

语言点

1. cringe-worthy adj. 令人尴尬（或不舒服）的

misrepresentation n. 歪曲事实；不符实

eg. Her enthusiasm about online dating was dampened by numerous cringe-worthy misrepresentations.

她对网上交友的热情被几次奔现翻车的经历浇灭了。

2. lay something on the line 直截了当地说明白，把话说清楚 (to speak bluntly and directly)

eg. I'll lay it on the line. I'm in love with someone else.

我跟你直说吧，我爱上别人了。

3. settle for something 勉强接受，无奈接受 (to accept something that is not exactly what you want)

eg. She never settles for second best.

她从不甘心退而求其次。

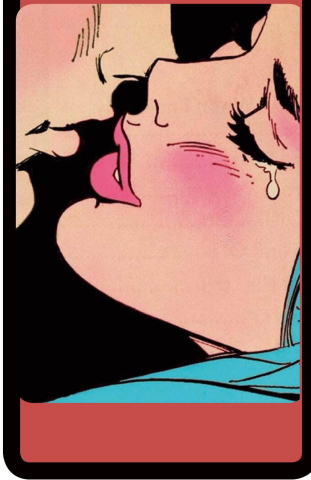
4. speak to somebody 形容某件事对某人有吸引力，能够引起某人的共鸣

eg. Modern art just doesn't speak to me.

我对现代艺术完全无感。

5. compatibility n. (观念、兴趣) 匹配，合适 (the ability to have a good relationship with someone because you have similar interests, ideas, etc.)

eg. You need a short period to get to know each other and check your compatibility. 你们需要相处一段时间，互相了解，看看彼此是否合适。



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Live well, love lots, and laugh often.



Anonymous Donations for 23 Years "Let It Go"

—Author/Zhang Ziruo

After over two decades, the identity of a person who has donated anonymously every year to the Ningbo Charity Foundation has remained shrouded in mystery.

The charity organization in Ningbo, East China's Zhejiang province, received an envelope on Monday with a stack of money orders worth over 1 million yuan (\$156,600). It is the 23rd year in a row the mysterious donor has sent money orders to the federation.

According to Chen Yunjin, director of the federation, the mysterious donor first sent a sum of money to the federation in 1999 with a slip attached reading, *shun qi zi ran*, which means "let things take their own course."

Since then, the anonymous donor was referred to as "Shun qi zi ran" by federation staff.

Chen said each money order is worth no more than 10,000 yuan – because otherwise the order has to be signed with the donor's real name according to bank rules.

At the beginning, we tried to find out who he or she is. But obviously he or she did not want to be known. So we respected his or her wishes and gave up," Chen said.

So far, the mysterious donor has donated a total of 13.63 million yuan to the federation. All the money donated has been used to help students in need or for other educational purposes, Chen said.

In recent years, more and more people in Ningbo have followed the steps of "Shun qi zi ran", and these anonymous donors have altogether given more than 50 million yuan to the federation.

语言点

1. donor 捐献者
2. anonymously adv. 不具名地; 化名地; 匿名的
3. be shrouded in mystery 笼罩在神秘之中
His family background is shrouded in mystery.
他的家庭背景蒙上了神秘色彩
4. money orders 汇票; 汇款单
5. slip 小纸条
6. a stack of 一堆; 一摞
A stack of files awaited me on my desk.
我桌上有一堆文件正待我去处理。
7. federation n. 联邦政府, 联邦; 联合会; 结成联邦; 同盟
8. course 过程; 道路; 行动方式, 处理方法
9. be referred to 被提及
His name was referred to at the meeting.
他的名字在会上被提及。

Thank You for Every Gift in Your Life

—Author/Zhu Hongyi

■ 导读

生命中值得感恩的小事聚在一起, 就是你的人间值得。

伟大的事情会发生在那些始终相信、尝试、学习和心怀感恩的人身上。
——《心中之光》罗伊·贝内特, 作家

■ 今日一句

Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful.
—— The Light in the Heart, Writer, Roy T. Bennett

■ 今日一学

• 词汇
grateful adj. 感激的
be grateful for something
对某事表示感谢
I am truly grateful for all your help.
我真的很感谢你的帮助。



■ 今日一悟

读完今天的良言, 想起卡勒德·胡赛尼在《追风筝的人》一书中写过的话, “我望着清晨灰蒙蒙的天空, 为空气感恩, 为光芒感恩, 为仍活着感恩。”阿米尔和父亲在逃亡途中看见清晨的阳光后发出了对生命的感恩。中国古代《诗经》中有言, “投我以木桃, 报之以琼瑶。”李密对祖母的养育之恩心怀感激, 在《陈情表》中写道, “乌鸟私情, 愿乞终养。”天地因爱而恒久, 而感恩, 正是爱与善的体现。
你的生活中有什么让你心怀感激的事情吗?

morning, grateful for the air, grateful for the light, grateful for still alive." Amir and his father expressed their gratitude for their lives after seeing the early morning sun on their way on the run. In ancient China, there was a saying in the Book of Poems, "To cast me with a wooden peach, to report to Joan." Li Mi is grateful for his grandmother's nurturing kindness, wrote in the "Emotional Table", "The black bird is private, willing to beg for the end of the life." Heaven and earth because of love and permanence, and gratitude, is the embodiment of love and good. Is there anything in your life that you can be grateful for?

After reading today's good words, I remember the words of Khaled Hussian in the book "The Kite Chaser", "I look at the gray sky in the



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Dunhuang calendar

Author/ Chen Pengze

A Dunhuang calendar for the new year was recently published by China's Citic Press.

Containing photos of 14 sculptures and 169 paintings, created by five artists who copied the sculptures and frescos in Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang and Yulin Grottoes in Guazhou, Northwest China's Gansu province, the calendar offers glimpses of the Buddhist art treasures.

The photos in the calendar are divided into seven categories, including faithfully copied works according to the frescos' current appearance, copied works in which artists have filled slightly broken parts with lines for completeness and clarity, copied works that present the frescos as they would have been when they were finished hundreds of years ago, and copied works that combine the elements of the original frescos and the artists' new ideas.

The copied works are mainly illustrations of sutras, flying apsaras female mythical figures, paintings of various forms of Buddha and sculptures of deities, among others, which are all important cultural relics of Dunhuang, according to Yu Chi, director of the executive office of Dunhuang Art Institute, the publisher's partner for the calendar.

The arrangement of the paintings has also been specifically chosen. On special days, such as festivals, the calendar features paintings that explain the meanings of the festivals, Yu says, adding that on Jan 1, for example, the copied work is a painting of the "nine-colored deer", which symbolizes goodness and kindness, "a New Year blessing" for the readers.

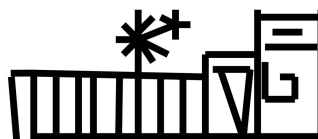
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4. 融汇了元素和创意: combine the elements of the original frescos and the artists' new ideas.
5. 文物: relics
6. 在特殊的日子: On special days
7. 新年祝福: A New Year blessing



Learning content

1. Grotto: A grotto is a small interesting or attractively shaped rocks.
2. glimpse: A glimpse of something is a brief experience of it or an idea about it that helps you understand or appreciate it better.
3. category: kind, sort.
4. frescos: 壁画例句: Frescos on the mountain near Sera Monastery are graceful and colorful.
5. illustration: a drawing picture in a book, magazine, etc. Especially one that explain something.
6. sutra: 佛经, 经典佛教徒。
佛教的: buddhist
7. mythical: Something or someone that is mythical exists only in myths and is therefore imaginary.



Language Point

1. Farewell My Concubine 霸王别姬
Farewell [CU] the acting of saying goodbye to sb
A farewell party 欢送会
2. the passage of time 时光流逝
3. from...onwards 从(某时起) 一直
He loved Leslie from the 1980s onwards.
4. fluctuate to exchange frequently in size, amount, quality, etc., especially from one extreme to another.
My mood seems to fluctuate from day to day.
5. warlord 军阀 Japanese invaders 日本侵略者 Cultural Revolution 文化大革命
6. tumultuous very loud; involving strong feelings, specially feelings or approval
Tumultuous applause
Involving a lot of change and confusion and/or violence
the tumultuous years of the English Civil War

Farewell My Concubine

Author/ Yang Yaxian

When Kaige's Farewell My Concubine tells the story of two Peking Opera actor's fluctuating fortunes, from childhood onwards, but it is actually about the passage of time, about glory and decay, about persevering love and hatred.

A sumptuous, ambitious, unpredictable epic, it sweeps the viewer through 52 tumultuous years of Chinese history, from 1925 to 1977, as the characters are kicked back and forth by warlords, Japanese invaders and the Cultural Revolution.

—Huang Haikun

