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Taylor Swift has edited a music video days after its release, following backlash over one of the scenes. In the original video for Anti-hero, the singer steps onto a scale that reads "FAT", as her alter ego shakes her head, seemingly in disappointment. Critics said the scene was "fatphobic" and reinforced negative connotations with the word "fat".

引发抵制!

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霉霉新歌 MV 火速剪掉了这一幕……

语言点

1. backlash n. 强烈抵制或反对
2. alter ego 另一个自我
3. fatphobic adj. 恐胖的、恐脂的
- fatphobia n. 恐脂症
- phobia n. 恐惧症
- phobic adj. 恐惧的
4. reinforce v. 加强, 增强
5. negative connotations 负面含义
- connotation n. 隐含意义, 联想意义



UK's new finance minister admits 'mistakes', warns of tax

Britain's new finance minister warned Saturday of tax hikes to come as he admitted to "mistakes" made by his short-lived predecessor in a disastrous budget. Jeremy Hunt was making his first comments to media following his appointment as chancellor of the exchequer (财长) by Prime Minister Liz Truss, whose own future is in doubt mere weeks after she took office. "We will have some very difficult decisions ahead," Hunt told Sky News, warning that "all government departments" face spending restraint.

"大辞职潮" 退去? 美国人想加班了

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原文

As inflation raises prices for food and other necessities, US workers are seeking to increase their pay. The majority of respondents to a survey, 57%, said they "want the opportunity to work overtime or extra shifts" to bring home more money. The Great Resignation last year saw workers quitting mostly because they wanted to feel more valued at work, or because they were prioritizing mental health.

语言点

1. necessity n. 必需品
2. seek to do sth. 寻求机会或方法以做某事
3. majority n. 大部分
- minority n. 小部分
4. work overtime 加班
5. work extra shifts 多轮几班
- shift n. 轮班

尘埃落定, 马斯克将推特收入囊中

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原文

Elon Musk has closed his \$44bn deal to take Twitter private, according to three people familiar with the matter. The buyout has brought an end to one of the most high-profile and dramatic sagas in recent memory after months of legal wrangling between the world's richest man and the social media platform.

语言点

1. bring an end to sth. 画上了句号 (finish)
2. high-profile adj. 高调的, 引人注目的
- He has a high profile. 他很高调.
- low-profile adj. 低调的, 不显眼的
3. saga n. 一连串的事件 (a long series of events)
4. wrangling between A and B A 和 B 之间的争论



"And some taxes will not be cut as quickly as people want. Some taxes will go up," he added. Tax cuts were the centrepiece of the budget announced by Hunt's predecessor Kwasi Kwarteng on September 23. But they were financed through billions in more borrowing, causing panic on financial markets which has fed into higher costs for British households. Truss fired Kwarteng on Friday and rowed back further on the planned tax cuts, but is facing threats of being toppled by senior Conservative MPs aghast at the party's collapse in opinion polls since she replaced Boris Johnson on September 6.

"There were mistakes," acknowledged Hunt, a former health and foreign secretary who is seen as a centrist Tory brought in by Truss to steady her listing ship. Kwarteng and Truss had initially wanted to cut taxes for the highest earners, and had presented their budget without independent forecasts from the Office for Budget Responsibility, Hunt noted in summarising two key mistakes. "The prime minister's recognised that, that's why I'm here."

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In me the tiger, sniffs the rose.

It has been a typical phenomenon that individuals come into confusion on their life the moment when they get admitted by universities or colleges. Though there exist so-called courses on career planning, most of us still find no routes or too many routes to our marvellous goals, just as the saying "The idea is full, the reality is skinny", frustrated and anxious. We call it "Mental Friction".

Mental friction is the resistance that new belief or thinking encounters when moving over the current thinking or beliefs inside the mind, making people fear to face and select. Mental friction reduces energy, engagement and ultimately productivity. But why does this happen?

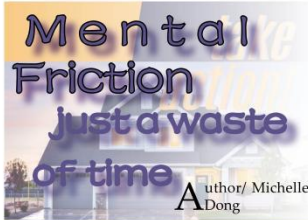
Uncertainty is obviously one of the reasons. While entering the campus, lots of us can not see a clear or shaped road in front of us. Everything seems change, a loose atmosphere, countless courses, colourful after-school activities, various life styles, but which belongs to me, which one fits me and where is my future? Further study? Landing a job? Or what? Even if we made a decision, we were not explicitly aware of any effective approaches, making the decision dedicate.

Also the information discrepancy. In university, information pours. How to collect the part you want matters a lot. It then appears to be a recessive competition which mostly depends on the circle you are in. Those introverts suffer after all less information means fewer directions to act.

Another thing needs to mention is willpower. Majority of us are lack of solidarity when confront the negation from others, easily get into self-doubt and even return to the origin, wasting everything.

Mental friction has nothing to do with considerate and thoughtfulness for it just messes your self up and resists you from moving forward. Besides, thinking delivers no changes while action does. The advise is needed only when you have spared no efforts taking actions to fulfil the goal you made.

At last, share you a sentence "Make a difference is the highest state of life" stop the useless friction and always remember to reach your target with your action.



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The Power of Ideals -- Be the Change

Author/ Yang Peilin



Ladies and gentlemen, What's done to children, they will do to society in the future. And i found a lot of truth to that adage...Thanks to my mom.

When i was little, she would read bedside stories to me every night. The lyrics that rhythm...the words that flow...and the voice that touches and nurtures like none other.

Love is patient. Love is kind. And love is contagious.

When I was growing up, the thing that I enjoyed doing the most was to tell my own stories to visiting friends and family.

Watching the audience's facial expression, picking up on their feedback, and improvising accordingly was the ultimate fun. I loved the feeling of my voices being heard. And I craved for a bigger stage.

And a bigger stage I found when I represented my middle school in England for an two-week exchange program. During the trip, I gave a speech on the merit of China's education system and how Chinese schools are different from British ones. There were rounds of applause but I could also see suspicion, doubt and perplexity on the faces of my English friends.

I couldn't convince everyone to think the way I think. But at least I challenge their stereotypes. And likewise, I learned a whole lot about England and many of my stereotypes were smashed too.

I itched for an even bigger platform where I can tell my stories and listen to the stories of others.

And such an occasion came in 2017 when I participated in a Model United Nations Summit in New York. There, different opinions converged and clashed. Many of my Western friends asked me how "free" people in China are these days...if young people in China can think on their own...and one even asked if China has high-speed internet.

I was upset and frustrated.

After decades of reform and opening up, the global image of China, and the Western narrative of the Chinese society, didn't change as much as it could have.

And I asked myself why.

Are we doing enough, on our part, to make China's story-telling more compelling to the global audience? Are Chinese reporters always at the source of what's happening? Why can't the Chinese narratives compete with Western ones when it comes to defining what today's China is like.

It was that moment when I decided to study journalism in university. And the journey of affecting change has only just begun.

I was actively involved in the production of my hometown's promotion video during the pandemic last year. And that film ended up being exhibited in a major international short film festival.

This year I took the lead in a campus program, inviting my fellow students to share their stories on the centenary of the founding of the Party.

Mahatmas Gandhi once said: "be the change you wish to see in the world."

As a university student and hopefully later on a journalist, I hope I can tell the stories of China and the Chinese young people to the rest of the world, and vice versa, to facilitate true understanding between cultures and among people.

Yes, Ladies and gentlemen, stereotypes die hard. But with empathy, compassion and nuance, we can get there, slowly but surely.

Thank you very much.

Live well, love lots, and laugh often.

Queen Elizabeth II mourned by world leaders; new British government faces more uncertainties

From: Global Times

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday sent a message of condolence to UK's new King Charles III on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and extended sincere sympathy to the British royal family, British government and British people.

According to the Guardian, world leaders have paid tribute to the life and service of the Queen, including US President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and UN Secretary General António Guterres.

Queen Elizabeth II, UK's longest-reigning monarch for seven decades, died peacefully at her home in Scotland on Thursday aged 96, leaving the nation to her 73-year-old son, the new King Charles III. The Queen's death will be followed by a tightly scripted ten-day mourning period in the UK. The Guardian (卫报) said the Queen did her job with "remarkable skill and dignity," and the grief is "genuine."

Many netizens on Twitter reacted with sadness to Queen Elizabeth II's death and wished her rest in peace. Many shared pictures of rainbows that appeared over Buckingham palace and one over Windsor Castle.

On Sina Weibo, many Chinese netizens expressed condolences over the passing of the first British monarch that visited China, as Queen Elizabeth II witnessed and promoted the development of China-UK relations.

Chinese netizens described the Queen as "elegant, adorable and friendly," and recalling her excellent sense of fashion, her beloved corgis (柯基), and her love story with Prince Philip.

The Queen paid a six-day official visit to China in 1986, after the China-UK negotiations over Hong Kong's return to the motherland. During the historical trip, the Queen visited Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Kunming, Guangzhou and several other cities, experiencing China's long history as a tourist of the Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors (兵马俑).

Queen Elizabeth impresses the world better than her children and grandchildren, and better than British prime ministers that almost each one is weaker than the predecessor. I don't remember she said or did anything that upset Chinese people in recent decades, Hu wrote.

At the same time, some are also concerned about the influence of the Royal family, the fate of the UK, especially whether her death would accelerate the Scottish independence process, though Nicola Sturgeon, the first minister of Scotland who has been pushing for a referendum on Scottish independence, paid tribute to the Queen



Among the flood of messages on Twitter, there are also some taking the Queen's death to express their political sentiment, especially for those who are not satisfied with the new British Prime Minister Liz Truss who met the Queen and was appointed as the new Prime Minister about two days before the Queen's death.

Some flooded to Truss' mourning Twitter post, saying that "meeting you was the final straw" leading to Queen's passing. Many reposted an ITV video clip from 1994, in which Truss told the media that the idea of a monarchy is "disgraceful."

The Queen's death will create more uncertainties for the new British government, as well as a test for Truss herself, Cui Hongjian, director of the Department of European Studies at the China Institute of International Studies, told the Global Times on Friday.

The Queen is an important link in maintaining the spirits of the UK, and has long played a pivotal role in assisting the British government to maintain public identity and social stability, especially when it comes to, for example, Scotland, the reconciliation with Ireland, and helping to achieve the transformation of Northern Ireland, according to Cui.

Now British politics is becoming more and more fragmented, political struggle is becoming increasingly intense, Cui said, "the Queen's death for the Truss government means loss of a stabilizer."

From Winston Churchill to Truss, the Queen has gone through 15 prime ministers since she came to the throne in 1952.

It was also the period when the British Empire went from prosperity to decline, including the Cold War between the US and the Soviet Union, the establishment of the European Union, and the process of decolonization and democratization of the world, Li Guanjie, an assistant research fellow on British Studies at Shanghai International Studies University, told the Global Times on Friday.

When the Queen was crowned, Britain had more than 70 overseas territories and now it has only 14, media reported. And it cannot be ruled out the number would continue to decline in the future, experts said.

UK's desire to use the Commonwealth as a tool to expand its influence, to transform itself from an aggressive colonial empire into an invisible one that exerts its soft power to the world, may be less effective after the Queen's death, Li said

[字词释义]

condolence n. 吊唁; 悼词
extended sincere sympathy to 致以诚挚的慰问
pay tribute to 致敬; 赞扬; 赞颂
monarch n. 君主; 统治者
scripted adj. 按编排进行的
n. 剧本; 笔迹; 广播稿
predecessor n. 前任; 原先的东西
referendum n. 全民公投
sentiment n. 观点; 情绪; 柔情
monarchy n. 君主制; 君主及其家庭成员

pivotal adj. 关键性的; 核心的
reconciliation n. 和谐统一; 协调; 和解
fragmented adj. 四分五裂的
come to the throne 登基, 即位
decolonization n. 殖民地独立
the Commonwealth n. 英联邦
colonial empire 殖民帝国
exert v.(使)努力; 运用; 行驶

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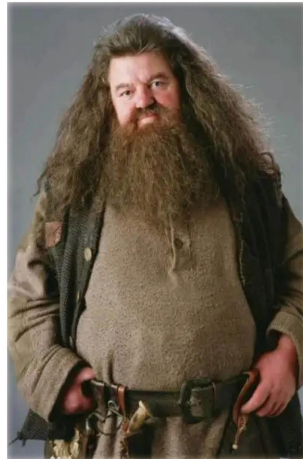


Real Hagrid is hardly seen anymore

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According to a report by BBC on 15th, October, Robbie Coltrane, the actor of Hagrid, an important character in "Harry Potter" series, passed away. The original author J.K. Rowling and the lineup published eulogies in memory of this "huge and open-minded friend". Coltrane is a veteran British actor, in addition to playing the kind Hogwarts and forest keeper in "Harry Potter", his acting career also including the famous 007 series of "Goldeneye" and "Black Sun Crisis", as well as "Decryption Master" and many other highly acclaimed British dramas. And he was awarded the Order of the Empire by the Queen of England before his death.



After Robbie Coltrane appeared as Hagrid, the actor solidified his place in pop culture as Hogwarts gamekeeper. But let us take a glimpse of where the actor has been since he left Hagrid behind. He has been largely heard but rarely seen ever since departing the Wizarding World. With a shift to voice acting on some projects, including the BBC's *The Gruffalo's Child*, *Arthur Christmas* and Pixar's *Brave*. And he reunited with fellow Potter stars Ralph Fiennes, who played Voldemort. Notably, Coltrane's portrayal of Jagers, the name of the character he played in the film, marked a massive departure from Hagrid. Meanwhile, Coltrane's next role on the big screen fared even worse. *Effie Gray*, a biographical (传记的) period drama starring Dakota Fanning, which was written by Emma Thompson, who played Professor Trelawney in the Harry Potter franchise. Unfortunately, the movie earned a low 42 percent on Rotten Tomatoes in 2014.

with, "If you write that down I will kill you." Despite earning an alleged nasty reputation, Coltrane appears to still be an old sofie when it comes to being a role model to children, not unlike Hagrid.

Robbie Coltrane temporarily returned to the spotlight with *National Treasure* in 2016. The crime drama was inspired by *Operation Yewtree*, a British police investigation into abuse allegations made against the late television personality Jimmy Savile, among others, in 2012. Meanwhile, the Scottish actor led the series as Paul Finchley, a disgraced veteran comedian who is accused of abuse. The miniseries' sensitive material not only marked another notable departure from Hagrid, it also posed the risk of offending audiences. However, of the potential backlash, Coltrane told *The Guardian*, "I don't care. Drama has always illuminated what's actually going on in society,

in a way that the news or the internet doesn't." Luckily, the risk paid off. Amid the series' critical acclaim, Coltrane scored a BAFTA nomination for leading actor. (英国电影学院奖最佳男主角)

Robbie Coltrane's health has unfortunately been a cause for concern for years, which spiked in 2015 when the actor fell ill during a flight from London to Orlando, Florida. While being hospitalized overnight due to mysterious flu-like symptoms, he missed a Harry Potter convention at Universal Studios, which fueled speculation regarding his reported alcohol problems. Coltrane's health issues sadly deteriorated with his ongoing battles with diabetes (糖尿病) and osteoarthritis (骨关节炎). In 2012, he told *The Guardian* that he needed to lose weight in order to undergo surgery on his knee to alleviate severe pain associated with his condition.

While promoting *National Treasure* four years later, he was spotted walking with a cane (拐杖). Following the success of *National Treasure*, Robbie Coltrane took a step away from acting entirely to host Robbie Coltrane's *Critical Evidence* in 2016. The crime investigation documentary series highlighted some of the most difficult murder cases to be resolved in British history. He was originally inspired by his police surgeon father to one day become a "hot detective" himself before turning to acting. He told *The Express*, "The glorious thing about the series is that everyone in it went down for their crimes."

Robbie Coltrane may have spent much of his post-Hagrid career out of the spotlight, but the huge and affable image of Hagrid is permanent. Robbie Coltrane is Robbie Coltrane. R.I.P.

eulogy n. 颂词, 颂文
 veteran n. 经验丰富的老人
 showbiz n. 演艺圈
 no-nonsense adj. 直截了当的
 navigate v. 导航, 航行
 menacing adj. 威胁的
 allegation n. 指控, 指责
 illuminate v. 照亮, 阐明, 说明
 spike n. 尖状物, 穗, 鞋钉 v. 加刺, 用尖物刺入
 deteriorate v. 恶化
 affable adj. 和蔼的, 友善的

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人生有方向
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今日一语
 If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favourable.
 —— Letter from a Stoic, Philosopher, Lucius Annaeus Seneca the Younger
 如果不知道要驶向哪个港口, 那么所有的风都是逆风。
 ——《斯多葛派的来信》卢西乌斯·安涅·小塞内卡, 哲学家

今日一学
 词汇
 one pron. 任何人
 if one does not know how to learn English 如果一个人不知道怎么学英语

port n. 港口, 码头

sail v. 航行
 favourable adj. 有利的 (giving you an advantage)
 In these regions, the climate is favourable for apples.
 这些地区的气候有利于苹果的生长。

今日一语
 当我们的工作和生活中没有目标时, 我们很容易被任何简单的困难、挫折打败。相反, 如果生活中, 我们有了清晰的前进方向, 就会有无限动力, 仿佛全世界都在为我们让路。友邻的小伙伴们, 你是否会经常给自己设立大大小小的目标呢? 你前进的动力又是什么呢?