

# One step at a time: Finding the faith to move forward in darkness

When the mountain trail you thought would take you downhill suddenly ends in a great snarl of thorny bushes, and it's nearly dusk, you know there's trouble ahead. That's the situation my husband, Jun, and I faced years ago when we decided to summit the mountain at the center of his rural village in Zhejiang



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province. And I never imagined that, in getting lost there, I would find something far more important. While we had always wanted to reach the top, which drove us to hike there in the afternoon, we hadn't planned for such a precarious descent. But our experience hiking around the village and its hidden network of unofficial trails should have prepared us for this possibility. How many times had we followed a well-trodden dirt path, only to have it stop in a thicket of weedy grass or a maze of bam-

boo? In fact, the very trail we used to climb the mountain had also disappeared into the woods, forcing us to improvise a way through a dense cluster of bushes and trees. However, the summit appeared deceptively neat, with a clearing and what seemed to be a far easier trail winding down the other slope of the mountain. We thought it would be a fast, straightforward trip back, until the trail petered out and left us stranded in the remnants of abandoned fields swallowed up by layers of weeds and crawling

thorns stretching down the mountain as far as we could see. If we wanted to make it back home, we would have to blaze our own way out of there, in the dark. As a lifelong hiking enthusiast, I had logged hundreds of kilometers on trails in parks across the United States, my home country, but never at night. And yet there we were, trapped on the side of a mountain in near darkness with no established trail at all. I felt scared, beyond just the fact that walking ahead meant

facing a prickly field of thorns. I worried that we might take the wrong step and tumble down, or fall into something even worse than those thorns, since we couldn't see the ground. How could we possibly move forward? "Just take one step at a time," my husband told me. "Don't worry." It was his way of encouraging me to have faith. Faith is something I've struggled with in life, and being on that mountain was a test for me. It took all of my resolve to lift my foot and

place it among those thorns. But it turned out OK. And so did the next move, and the one after that. With each small step of progress, I found myself gradually gaining confidence — in our ability to make it home, and in ourselves. Sometimes, it's incredible how, in the midst of something fearful, we can still find the strength within ourselves to move on and to believe, even if it's just through one tiny action at a time. When we eventually spied the soft white glow of win-

dows from a house beside the road, announcing our return to civilization, waves of relief washed over me. While I told my husband we were fortunate, I also recognized it wasn't luck that led us out of the darkness. We did it. And knowing that gave me a little more faith.

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## Candid camera: Faces on facets

Visitors pose in front of a kaleidoscope during the Asia Design Management Forum and Art Design Media Festival in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, on Nov 1. LONG WEI / FOR CHINA DAILY



## This Day, That Year



On Nov 12, 1998, Tencent was founded in Shenzhen, Guangdong province. After 20 years of development, it has become China's social media and entertainment giant. It operates the hugely popular social media platform WeChat and the hit games *Arena of Valor* and *Honor of Kings*. It is also the first Asian tech firm to join the exclusive club of tech

**Editor's note:** This year marks the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up policy.

companies worth more than \$500 billion. Tencent's success dates to the country's dramatic internet boom in the 1990s, when the population of internet users surged. Its first product was OICQ messenger, later renamed QQ. In the 2000s, China's internet went through a transformation from desktop to mobile. To keep up with the

trend, Tencent developed WeChat, an instant messaging app for mobile devices, which now has more than 1 billion users. In 2004, Tencent Holdings went public on the main board of the Hong Kong stock exchange. Besides messaging products, its *Honor of Kings* is the first Chinese mobile game to reach more than 10 million daily active users outside China. It owns Riot Games in California and Finland's Supercell. Tencent also has a major stake in Activision Blizzard.

Meanwhile, the internet giant continues to find ways to grow internationally, acquiring a 12 percent stake in Snap, the parent company of Snapchat. Earlier this year, it bought a 5 percent stake in Tesla. Ma Huateng, chief executive of Tencent, has been named the second-wealthiest

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man in China, with a net worth of \$31.9 billion, according to the real time Forbes China Rich List. The richest man in China is Jack Ma, \$434.9 billion, chairman of Alibaba.

## The newspaper and beyond

### On our Sina Weibo

#### Shaxian snacks gain popularity in New York

A Chinese restaurant chain, Shaxian Delicacies, serving Shaxian county cuisine, a style of food from Fujian province, opened its first eatery in the United States last month. Located at 818 60th St. in Brooklyn, New York, the restaurant presents epicureans overseas with traditional Chinese snacks, including peanut butter noodles and pork wontons. All the dishes were sold out within three hours on the first day. "In my childhood, food stalls could be seen everywhere in my hometown in Fuzhou," said the chain's owner, Shao Binfang, a 34-year-old Chinese-American born in the provincial capital. "But this is just a small step for the company as it goes global," Shao added.

#### Parents in Shanghai serve as matchmakers

Middle-aged parents in Shanghai flocked to "Matchmaking Corner" in Luxun Park on Oct 31, to gather information for their adult sons and daughters in hopes of finding them a life partner. A woman said in an interview that her 36-year-old son only cares about a female's appearance, which she couldn't agree with. "An ideal partner can be found in someone who has developed themselves in certain ways that go beyond looks and charm. I fancy a girl who has a certain set of qualities, including putting family first." Netizens also commented that it is important to find a perfect partner by prioritizing qualities of character over physical beauty, as doing so will make a relationship more likely to succeed in the long run.

#### Man finishes swim around British island

Around 1,609 kilometers and 157 days after he set out, Ross Edgley has successfully completed his attempt to become the first person to swim around Britain — what he calls the "Great British Swim". Edgley, 33, did not set foot on land throughout the entire attempt, which began on June 1. He swam in six-hour stints — 209 sessions altogether — resting between them in a boat. That's an average of nearly 14 km per session. He took no days off. To power the swim, Edgley ate between 10,000 and 15,000 calories per day — including a whopping 610 bananas altogether.



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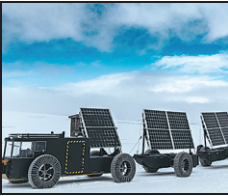
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#### Forum: Resume of 5-year-old goes viral

For all you overachievers out there, you might want to question whether your sacrifices have been worth it, because a kindergartner might have you beaten. A resume of a 5-year-old boy in Shanghai has 15 pages, giving an elaborate overview of his personal hobbies and extra-curricular activities (hip-hop, piano, soccer) as well as things he's excelled at (literature, history, science, math, arts and sports). The lengthy exposition, which includes graphics and sections that look like a company performance review, has provoked mixed reactions from netizens.

#### Travel: China aims to be top travel destination

China is forecast to overtake France as the world's No 1 tourist destination by 2030, as a growing middle class in Asia will likely spend more on travel, according to a report from the market research group Euromonitor International. Euromonitor predicted that there will be 1.4 billion trips made to China this year, up 5 percent from last year. By 2030, international arrivals are expected to have risen by another billion. Visit our website to find out more about the report.



#### World: Solar-powered wagon made of waste

A Dutch couple is preparing to drive to the South Pole in a 3D-printed buggy made from waste plastic and powered entirely by the sun. The project is part of the couple's support for a zero-waste lifestyle and aims to show that plastic can be a useful resource. They shredded large plastic pieces that had been thrown away and melted them into the filament before applying the same process on an industrial scale. The four-wheeled buggy tows a pair of two-wheeled trailers that store supplies — including 47 days worth of food — and support 10 double-faced solar panels

#### Health: Noises linked to risks of heart attacks

A preliminary study found that exposure to environmental noise might increase the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Loud and prolonged noises can fuel the activity of an area of the brain

involved in stress responses and in turn promote blood vessel inflammation, according to the study presented at the ongoing American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions. The study revealed that people with the highest levels of chronic noise exposure, such as highway and airport noise, had an increased risk of cardiovascular events, such as heart attacks and strokes.

#### People: Paralyzed girl builds online career

Li Juan, 32, from Anhui province has been bedridden for nine years because of syringomyelia, a severe spinal illness with slim chance of recovery. With a cell-phone, a holder and a handmade stylus, the determined resident of Dangshan county has opened an online store that sells more than 500 metric tons of locally grown pears every year. She is known as a successful businesswoman. Her online shop's sales reached 600,000 yuan (\$87,000) annually. "E-commerce has changed my life," Li said. The indomitable woman plans to help more disabled and underprivileged people start their own businesses.

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## Bilingual: Titanic II

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号称全世界最豪华的游轮——泰坦尼克号于1912年在北大西洋上撞击冰山沉没,千余人死亡。近日,复原泰坦尼克号的计划又一次被提上日程。泰坦尼克号邮轮的升级版泰坦尼克2号定于2022年首航,将完成泰坦尼克号一个多世纪前没有完成的航行。下面,请跟双语君一起看看这个宏大的计划吧!

CNN reported that a replica of the *Titanic* will embark on its maiden voyage in 2022. 美国有线新闻网日前报道,泰坦尼克号的复制版计划于2022年启航。

*Titanic II* will follow the same route from Southampton, England, to New York that the famed *Titanic* set off on in 1912. The project was announced by Australian millionaire Clive Palmer. 泰坦尼克2号将会重走泰坦尼克号1912年处女航的航线,从南安普顿出发,最终抵达纽约。这项计划由澳大利亚富豪克莱夫·帕尔默提出。

Palmer wrote in a statement, "The ship will follow the original journey, carrying passengers from Southampton to New York, but she will also circumnavigate the globe, inspiring and enchanting people while attracting unrivaled attention in every port she visits." 在一份声明中,帕尔默写道:“这艘船将会重走泰坦尼克号之前的航线,从南安普顿出发,最终抵达纽约。但与此同时,她也会展开环球航行。在每一个到访的港口,她都会成为万众瞩目的焦点,人们会为之兴奋欢呼。

Blue Star Line said the nine-deck ship will have 835 cabins and will be able to accommodate 2,435 passengers. Passengers will be able to buy first-, second- and third-class tickets — as they could on the original. 蓝星航运表示,这艘邮轮共9层,有835个客舱,可容纳2435名乘客。和泰坦尼克号一样,乘客可以购买一等舱、二等舱或三等舱船票。

It will be outfitted exactly like the original *Titanic* — including the grand staircase that played a memorable role in James Cameron's hit movie. 这艘船的内部装饰布局将与泰坦尼克号一模一样。这其中也包括詹姆斯·卡梅隆电影中船舱内那个让人印象深刻的宏伟楼梯。

To avoid a repeat disaster, *Titanic II* will be outfitted with plenty of lifeboats and will have a welded hull and modern navigation and radar equipment. 不过为避免悲剧重演,泰坦尼克2号将装配足够多的救生船,并采用焊接船体,还配备了现代化的导航和雷达设备。

The news went viral online. Netizen Maryam Zandi posted on a social media platform: "Don't worry. There is no iceberg left. Thanks to global warming." 此消息一传出便引起网友热议。有网友在社交媒体评论道:“这次不用担心撞冰山了。因为全球变暖已

经让冰山都融化了。” The Guardian commented: "If the *Titanic* was the ship that was meant to be unsinkable, *Titanic II* is the idea that seems to be unkillable." 英国《卫报》对此评论:“如果泰坦尼克号被称为一艘‘永不沉没巨轮’,那么泰坦尼克2号就是一个永不停歇的梦。”

More than 100 years after the *Titanic*'s first and only voyage, global interest in the doomed ship shows no sign of abating. 尽管在泰坦尼克号首航,也是唯一一次航行,一个多世纪后的今天,全世界对这艘命运多舛的邮轮的兴趣丝毫不减。

Another *Titanic* replica is being built in Sichuan province. In 2014, China announced a plan to build a life-size replica of the doomed *Titanic* as part of a tourism development in Sichuan. 在四川省,另一艘泰坦尼克号的复制版正在加紧建造中。早在2014年,中国就公布计划将在四川建造一艘以旅游开发为目的的全仿真泰坦尼克号。

OceanGate, a company from the United States, is planning diving excursions to the *Titanic* wreck next year. 美国公司海洋之门已经计划于明年开展泰坦尼克号残骸的潜水旅游项目。

The eight-day journey sets off from Newfoundland, Canada, and will transport visitors in a submersible made of titanium and carbon fiber to the mighty vessel's final resting place, more than 3 kilometers below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean. 这个八天旅游项目从加拿大纽芬兰出发,游客将乘坐一艘载有碳纤维和钛合金制成的潜水艇的母船抵达大西洋。最终,他们将乘潜艇抵达大西洋水下三公里深的地方。

The first voyage is already fully booked, despite the hefty price tag of \$105,129 per person. 尽管一次航行的人均花费高达105129美金,第一个航次仍然被预定一空。

CNN commented, "In 1912, a trip aboard the *Titanic* was the ultimate in luxury travel. More than a century later, it still is."

美国有线新闻网评论道:“1912年乘坐泰坦尼克号是一场终极奢华的旅行。一个多世纪后的今天,它依旧奢华如初。”



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