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## MY NEW LIFE at NPUE

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I'm a new member at Pingtung Educational University and I made a lot of new friends here. With their enthusiasm, I could adapt to the new environment and enjoy the various sources of learning. Although there are a lot of reports in my class, I have lots of opportunities to improve my study.

Pingtung Educational University is pretty a beautiful place to study and it is convenient here. The beautiful campus will help me reach my goal of high-quality learning. For example, the library is equipped with many functions and the variety of food, both inside and outside the school, can satisfy my needs. The only demerit is the river beside our school. If we can improve the quality of the water in it, our school would be a perfect one in my mind.

Generally speaking, Pingtung Educational University is a good place to study and the people here are friendly. I hope that I can have a good learning time here.

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## Movie Review -

# World War Z by Sarah Blake

Sarah Yang 楊惠婷

For moviegoers, we are familiar with so-called “virus”, “zombie”, “the end”, “contagious”, and so on. The most famous film is the “Resident Evil” series. In “World War Z”; however, you can hardly find one bloody scene. Even if the zombies are shooting, the camera angle focuses on the actor’s moves. As for emotion, the relationship between people does not boil up the story to the climax. There are 2 main points: to escape, and find the cure. The plot itself is fairly clear. The audience accompanies Brad Pitt to run, hide, fight, and think.

The protagonist Gerry Lane, acted by Brad Pitt, was originally an investigator of U.S. After he had a family, he quit the job. One day, there are zombies that flooded the streets. Therefore, the officials asked Gerry to get back to his position to find the answer.

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When seeing a bitten human, Gerry counted how long it would take to become a zombie. Eleven seconds! Once Gerry suspected he might become a zombie, he ran to the edge of a building, and then counted for 11 seconds. If he became a zombie, he would jump in order to prevent himself from attacking his beloved family.

There were four people who wanted to stay at home. They were family. If people stay in the same place for a long time, they would run out of food and water. However, the parents did not want to leave. They soon died because of zombies. Only the boy escaped and found where Gerry was. This event reminded me that once we have the opportunity to change, don't waste your shot!

In the end, Brad Pitt found the cure so that he can pass the zombies. He got his way to survive. The camouflage does not need to be armed with weapons. Just like what Lao zi said in ancient China, "The weak defeats the strong."

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## *Let it Be -* *About* **Darjeeling Limited**

Zero Wang 王家臨

At first, we can find that the relationship between the siblings is not very good. Every one of them keeps some secrets from the other, but they couldn't hold the secrets either. They care about how many suitcases they had, and they wanted to keep everything left by their father. With these suitcases, the siblings began a trip. The trip is meant to show off who

has the most things from their father. Throughout the trip, they happened to see a death, a child's death. They figured that no matter how many things they had, they still can't stop death, and couldn't bring anything with them. They began trying to trust and trying to be considerate.

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At the end of the movie, we learned that their personalities may be affected by their mother. They hardly faced the music. They escaped, until they figured out that they shouldn't be locked in the past. Keeping the suitcases means that they couldn't put down their past: their losing father and missing mother. They end up throwing everything away, demonstrating that they got rid of their sad memories and suspicions.

In brief, just go for what you want. Don't be afraid or you'll miss the chance. In the movie, the siblings finally freed themselves from the old memories. They also found a new way of life through this unpredictable journey.

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## **Approaching the Bottom of Colonialism**

Karen Kuo

In “the Heart of Darkness,” Joseph Conrad explores the ideas of the nature of colonialism in many ways. I would like to give three examples of how colonialism is shown in this novel, including the relationship between Mr. Kurtz and the European, the cruelty of colonialism, and finally the truth of the colonialism.

Firstly, Joseph Conrad uses Mr. Kurtz as a symbolic character to compare with the colonialists in the European Colonial Period. According to the statement, “All Europeans contributed to the making of Mr. Kurtz,” we can say that Mr. Kurtz is the condensation of the idea of imperialism and colonialism. What he has done is similar to what those colonizers did. Moreover, the writer illuminates the intertwined relationship between Mr. Kurtz and the other colonialists by revealing the absurdity of colonialism.

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Secondly, we can find another piece of evidence to explain the absurdity of colonialism, according to Mr. Kurtz's comment to his report, "To exterminate all the brutes", Joseph Conrad uncovers the hidden fact of the colonialists motives by showing how ironic they are. The invaders come to the territory all in the name of progress and freedom of barbarism to veil the truth that they are raping resources from the land in the pursuit of profit. Hence, we can see a big discrepancy here and call these people "hypocrites." Also, we can see another absurdity of how cruel colonialism is



by Marlow's journey up to the Congo River. The deeper he goes in, the darker he felt and the worse the images he saw were. Hence, the

absurdity can be found in his upriver travel, for all he sees is torture, cruelty and inhumanity of colonialism.

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The last but not the least example of the absurdity of colonialism is the writer's condemnation of the truth of colonialism. He unveils the truth of colonialism as nothing but sickness,



madness and hollowness. According to Mr. Kurtz's last words, "The horror! The horror!" Conrad shows how the colonialists are

overtaken by their desire, temptation and ambition. The diseased mind can be considered a reflection of the truth. All the things they do turn out to be nothing, which is exactly absurd and incomprehensible. By this example, we can learn the absurdity of colonialism somehow.

To sum up, we can conclude that the colonialism is completely crazy and absurd by knowing that the relationship between the colonizers and the native landers, the brutally cruelty of colonialism, and finally the truth of colonialism—sickness, madness, and hollowness.

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## Pingtung Symphonic Band

Mei Lee 李佳穎

There are brass bands all around Taiwan, and Pingtung is no exception. I'd like to introduce a local Pingtung band called Pingtung Symphonic Band (PTSB), led by Yong-You Jhang, founded in April, 1995. It mostly consists of people studying in college or local Pingtungites.

PTSB has held a lot of concerts in Pingtung, and its performances have always been good. It does not feature total classical music, but

emphasizes on music that everybody enjoys. In their last concert they cooperated with two singers, and the resident composer rewrote the music into a wind band version. I was there watching the show, and I was so touched that while the band was playing, I could feel my heart beating with passion.

Besides regular performances, PTSB also holds a wind camp for children every summer. The band is devoted to making Pingtung a better place with its music. Even though some people might still think that Pingtung is a desert that lacks culture and art, I believe it will be better and better.

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## Arts and Entertainments



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## A New Diet Food: konjak

Anita Huang

Are you still fighting with your weight?  
Calculating food's calories making you crazy?  
Konjak can solve all your problems!

Konjak, also known as konnyaku potato, devil's tongue, or snake palm, a perennial plant which is famous for its abundant cellulose and low calories. There are three characteristics of Konjak: low calories, low fat, and low protein. Because of its features, Konjak has become the latest diet food.



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In fact, the effects of Konjak not only for losing weight, but also for improving our health. For example, it can reduce blood pressure. A special glycan in Konjak called glucomannan can also absorb cholesterol. Glycan controls the blood sugar that can normalize the concentration of cholesterol. In addition, the soluble fiber of Konjak cannot be assimilated by our body so it can enter the stomach and absorb carbohydrates. Thus, Konjak has the benefit of controlling high blood pressure and diabetes.

For people who worry about constipation, Konjak will be your liberator! Konjak is always called, the “Scavenger of the gastrointestinal tract”, due to its dietary fiber that assists gastric peristalsis. This softens the stool and improves our defecation. As a result, Konjak is the best helper in cleaning our internal body.

There are many Konjak products in the market, such as Konjak jelly. However, those products have added flavors, so the sugariness and salinity are very high. Consequently, you must be careful when choosing Konjak’s products.

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## Ghost Stories

### A Trip

By Agnes, Steven,  
Kevin, Sarah

A young couple went traveling around South East Asia. There were a lot of resorts and one of those was a famous but old villa. The owners were from a prominent family in the town. After centuries, the villa became a public place. However, it is said that you cannot break anything; otherwise, you will die in a terrible way. The couple was inside the villa when they broke a bracelet and they were unaware of the taboo.

After staying in the house, the sun began to set, darkness settled in. The couple walked across the street and saw a beggar. They wanted to give the person some money at first but when they got closer, they noticed that the person didn't have any skin. They could hardly tell the person's gender, it was just flesh and blood, assembled with a human shape. The couple was shocked and ran away as fast as they could.

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They arrived at the villa, opened the door and dashed inside. On the way to their room, they heard the sound of a chain. They turned around, but no one was there. It was strange, yet they kept walking. Just before they fell asleep, they heard water flowing in the bathroom.

“I’ll go check,” the husband said. “Ok,” the wife closed her eyes and waited in bed.

After some time, the husband turned off the water faucet and then left the bathroom. They were on the 6th floor and he saw someone go past the window. He yelled, “Jesus!” The wife asked, “What is going on?” “Ah! A head” the wife shrieked.

They rushed to the elevator and tried to get out. When they arrived on the first floor, they told the clerk what they had encountered. The clerk asked, “Did you break anything inside of the villa?” They replied, “Yes, a bracelet.”

The clerk told the couple that the bracelet was one of the former hostess’s treasures. The couple was frightened. They ran back to the villa and their door opened automatically. They kneeled down and apologized for several hours. Afterwards, the door closed and the next day began, again.

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## Shhh

By Coco, Annie,  
Anny, Evonne,  
Avis, Carly

One day there were three college students: Jack, Peter, and Bob. They decided to ride motorcycles up to Yang Ming Mountain at midnight. As usual, they agreed that if someone rode too fast, the one behind him would honk their horn for security. On the winding road, they accelerated their speed.

Suddenly, the leader, Jack, rode so fast that the rest of them could not follow; therefore, the one behind the leader, Peter, started to honk his horn continuously to remind him to slow down. However, Jack seemed to ignore the sign and still rode too fast. After awhile, they stopped at 7-11 to rest. Peter asked Jack angrily, "Why didn't you slow down? Didn't you hear me honk my horn?" Jack just shook his head and looked confused. All of a sudden Bob said he had seen a terrible sight. It had a pale face and looked like a woman in white with long hair and she was sitting behind Jack. Jack didn't slow down because the woman was covering his ears with her hands. She turned her head back, put her finger on her lips and said, "Shhhhhhhh."

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## *The Mirror*

By Hank, Baker  
Adam, Amy

One dark night, I was so hungry that I decided to buy some dumplings. Later, I got in the elevator and looked at myself in the mirror behind me. While the elevator was going down, I felt that someone was staring at me. However, when I turned around again, no one was there, I was the only one in the elevator.

Suddenly, the elevator stopped at the 4th floor. The door opened, so I pressed the 'close' button. To my surprise, the door would not close. While I stood there, the feeling came back over me. This time, it was more intense than before. Meanwhile, the door closed. Then, I took a quick glance at the mirror. I saw my back, and nothing else. I was confused, and then, I was stunned by what I saw. My head in the mirror began to twist with a scary sound. It made me scared and I closed my eyes. Then, there was silence. I opened my eyes again and made eye contact with the twisted head. Suddenly, I couldn't see anything, only darkness.

Then, I saw the mirror in front of me and my body was with another soul that grinned harshly at me. It walked away and left me trapped in the mirror, forever.

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DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

By Ophelia and Lolita

A young man broke up with his girlfriend one night. His girlfriend was very frustrated and implored him not to leave her. However, the man just went away even when the woman shouted, “I will find you waiting for me at my first seventh night.” He did not take it seriously until he heard the news that his girlfriend jumped from a building. He began to worry about what the woman had said about the first seventh night. Thus, he went to see an exorcist for help. The exorcist told him, ‘hide in your bed, covered with a sheet at night. Don’t hide anywhere else.’

The woman’s first seventh night was coming. The man did what the exorcist had told him. Nevertheless, he still thought that it was not secure enough to hide in the bed. He decided to hide under the bed instead. As soon as he settled, he heard the sound, “Doo doo .....” coming through the door. Then, the door opened with a woman’s voice that said, “Where are you? Where are you?”



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A cold sweat ran down the man's forehead, he was horrified. "Doo DooDoo... Where are you? I will find you." The sound kept repeating itself again and again. Suddenly, the sound disappeared, the room became silent and then the woman said, "Ah-ha! I found you!" The man was petrified and slowly uncovered the sheet to see what happened. He was shocked by what he saw. The sound, 'doo doo' came from the woman's head. She was upside down, using her head to go upstairs. At that time, he remembered that when the woman died, she was upside down. He finally understood the exorcist's meaning, but it was too late.

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## The Peephole

By Kelsi,  
Shannon  
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A man went on a business trip. He drove very late at night until he was exhausted. Suddenly, an Inn caught his eye. He stopped and asked if there were any rooms available. The owner looked unwillingly and told him that there was only one room but it had been neglected for a long time. The man was so tired that he reached for the key without noticing the owner's strange look.

The man stepped into the room and smelled mold. He took a shower and fell asleep. Later, he heard a knocking voice but he chose to ignore it. However, the voice became hurried. He got up and looked through the peephole. Everything was red and no one was there. He felt strange so he stepped back and then, looked again. This time, everything looked normal.

The next day, he asked the owner why it was all red when he looked out the peephole. The owner was astonished and said that there was a girl who hung herself in that room. When they found her, her eyes were red.

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