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### We Take One Step Closer to the Spring

—— 全民战役，治愈春天  
Author/ Wang Wanze

At the beginning of 2020, the whole nation has put into a war without smoke of gunpowder. As medical workers are fighting against the virus on the front line with scalpels and medicines, other citizens are supporting the fight by keeping the risk of people-to-people transfer at minimum. China has taken up the most aggressive disease containment effort following the outbreak to reduce possible cross-infection of the novel coronavirus. No matter the front line staff or the ordinary people, everyone has made sacrifices and efforts for



the epidemic. After months of relentless efforts, China has seen more people recovering from the COVID-19. According to statistics, Over 78 million migrant workers who travelled back to their hometowns during the Spring Festival holiday have returned to their workplaces with the multiple prevention and health check taken. The cherry trees blossom in Wuhan and we take one step closer to the spring.

### Xi Expressed Solicitude to Females Fighting Epidemic on the Women's Day

—— 在此三八妇女节，向战役中每个发光发热的女性致敬!  
Author/ Wang Wanze

On the International Women's Day, president Xi Jinping expressed sincere solicitude (挂念) to women fighting COVID-19 on the front line and in other fields. He also expressed holiday greetings to women of all ethnic groups and from all walks of life in the country. Xi called on the female staff to have firm convictions in winning the battle, keep high morale, protect themselves in a scientific way, and make continuous efforts in fighting the epidemic healthily. Women Party members and cadres, police, disease control personnel,

The year 2020 is much more unusual than any other years since the beginning of 21st century. Our country is facing a giant challenge --- Corona Virus Disease 2019(COVID-19, 2019-nCoV), which was named by World Health Organization, has seized a large quality of people's lives. Fortunately, Chinese scientific team has successfully discovered great amount of leading-edged breakthroughs.

### The Brief of 2019-nCoV

Patients infected by the viruses will show many different symptoms, some just only have a fever or mild coughs, some will develop pneumonia, and some will be more severe or even die. The lethality of being death about this virus is up to 2% to 4%, which just an early percentage. As more information, this result will transform. Meanwhile, it does not mean that this disease is not serious, just that the infected person may not face the worst consequences for everyone.

The main routes of transmission of new corona viruses are respiratory droplets (飞沫传播) and contact transmission. Aerosol (气溶胶) and fecal-oral (粪-口) routes of transmission need to be further clarified. Epidemiological (流行病的) investigations have shown that cases can be traced to close contact with confirmed cases.

The seventh version treatment plan divide

into classification into "suspected cases" and "confirmed cases" uniformly. People of all ages may be infected, mainly adults, and the elderly and frail people seem to be more likely to be infected. There is no evidence that pets such as cats and dogs can be infected as so far.

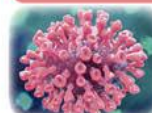
The COVID-19 has causes approximately 149 mutation-points and evolved two subtypes, which are the L subtype and S subtype. By resent studies, the percentage of geographical distribution and population, these two subtypes has several differences in measuring. The S subtype is older version while the L subtype owns highly contagious. With much deeper understanding about viruses, the results will help differentiate treatment and prevention of new coronary pneumonia.

In the end, how to prevent corona virus infection? The Beijing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends strengthening personal protection, avoiding contact with wild poultry and animals, and preventing sickness from going to work and gatherings. After returning from Wuhan and other places, if you have symptoms of respiratory tract infection such as fever and cough, you should choose a hospital for a hot clinic according to your condition, wear a mask, and inform the doctor of a similar history of patient or animal contact and travel history.

community workers, journalists, and volunteers have shouldered a lot of hard work, fulfilled their duties with loyalty and made significant contribution to containing the epidemic.



### FOCUS ON



A1: What do you know about 2019-nCoV? Chinese scientific team has discovered great amount of leading-edged breakthroughs.



A2: A special online meeting have been held utilizes the voice call function of QQ. Let's see our companions' idea about the meeting.



B1: How many days have you stayed at home yet? What did you do at home? Cooking? Studying? Or laying on your bed all day?



B2: The Korean movie parasite has awarded the 92<sup>nd</sup> Oscars, have you seen this movie? how do you like it?

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Interviewer: Zhu Hongdi  
Interviewee: Jin Chenyu

### Let's Get to Know More About COVID-19 From a Schoolmate in Wuhan

#### 关于疫情，让我们听听武汉同学的声音

At this very moment our country, also the globe, is going through a rough patch and the outbreak of COVID-19 is why. Just like WHO leader said: "We are in uncharted territory." During the virus the hardest hit area Wuhan, Hubei province, is of our greatest concern. And now let's talk to one schoolmate in Wuhan.

Q: When did you go back to Wuhan? Is the epidemic situation serious, or is there a large number of confirmed cases in your neighborhood?

A: I came home on January 9th. Fortunately the severity level around my neighborhood isn't that high, at least people I know are all in good health.

Q: Can you give us a brief introduction on the circumstances around you?

A: Since the blockade of Wuhan city, my community was also blocked. And of course, there are regular temperature checks and disinfection and so forth. Me and my family basically stay in the house the whole time, getting foods and necessities through the internet or community workers. We can see that the situation in China is now improving due to quick and decisive measures taken by our country.

Q: Is there anything impressive to you these days?

A: Definitely. Firstly NWA&F university care about us students in Hubei a lot, sending each one of us fives masks and two crates of fruit. Besides, there are special subsidies for Hubei's financially difficult students. Secondly my family got closer to the neighbors, not physically but mentally. China have gone through a lot since the outbreak of novel coronavirus, but people around the country are joining hands to fight off current crisis. So I'm pretty faithful.

Q: In the end, do you have anything want to say?

A: Yes, I badly hope this epidemic to end and normal order of work and life to resume as soon as possible.

## A Special Cloud Meeting

Interviewer: Xie Duanyi



由于新冠肺炎疫情，English Herald 在线上召开了新学期的第一次会议，来跟着我了解这次“云开会”吧！

Owing to the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia, all of the Chinese citizens have to be in quarantine at home. Thereby, we English Herald intend to have the first meeting of this semester online, which utilizes the voice call (语音通话) function of QQ. So what are our companions' idea about the online meeting? Come and have a look with me!

Q1: What advantages do you think our online meeting has?

Kang: Well, this is the first time that I have this kind of "cloud meeting". In my opinion, holding meeting online enables us to communicate anytime and anywhere. So it is pretty convenient for us to deliberate over the work of our newspaper just at home. By the way, I really hope that the situation could be better and I can see you guys then.

Wang Ziyue: Confronted with the current pneumonia situation, I think the online meeting ensures us to protect ourselves well instead of having a discussion face to face.

Wang Wanze: Compared with holding a meeting face to face, the "cloud meeting" overcomes the geographical barriers and greatly increases the work efficiency.

Q2: What difficulties did you meet with when having the online meeting?

Wang Ziyue: Sometimes the network signal is poor thereby the voice may be delayed and fuzzy, which could influence the outcome of our meeting to some extent.

Wang Wanze: Sometimes there are noises unavoidable besides me which might hinder others from hearing me clearly.

Q3: Do you have any good idea about our online meeting in order to make it better?

Kang: I think more interaction should be involved in this "cloud meeting". As it could enable everyone to participate in discussing over the work rather than just listen to others.

Wang Ziyue: Now that the voice call function has been already used by us, we could also hold the meeting in live-broadcast (直播会议) and take some notes in the meantime.

Through interviewing different students, we could see that most companions are content with the form of online meeting. Due to the rapid development of technology, we could meet and communicate with each other just at home. It is without doubt that high-tech platforms will be utilized more in the future.

Live well, love lots, and laugh often.

### Reading

#### Chinese Classics

传诵国学经典 Author/ Kang Xuena

"Self-introspection should be practiced on a daily basis." I believe that we aren't unfamiliar with this sentence from The Analects of Confucius, which is almost widely known. Including The Analects of Confucius, Chinese classics have a deep influence on Chinese people either before or now. Today I want to talk something about Chinese classics with you.

However, we have touched the Chinese classics like The Analects of Confucius or The Book of Songs since we were in primary school, even earlier. Teachers and parents asked us to read and recite them. Actually, I didn't understand why they assigned homework to let us recite these when I was young. I just did what they asked me to do, and now I realize these classics imperceptibly affect me in my life. I can quickly know more characters learn many good habits from it. I learn what the fidelity, filial scruples and etiquette are. I learn our ancients' thoughts. They help me improve my cultural literacy. They help me enrich my spiritual home. Now I can deeply realize the importance of reading Chinese classics.

Chinese classics are not only our traditional culture, but also they are natural classics, life classics and family classics. It is our main value concept. As one of Chinese people, it's our historical responsibility and times heavy responsibility to inherit culture. Chinese culture is broad and profound with a long history. And as the carrier, Chinese classics show the great culture and thoughts for us. The function of the Chinese classics is self-evident. We can have a time travel and talk with sages through these classics with the process of acquiring knowledge and improving abilities.

In this a little noise society, Chinese classics help us hold our spiritual home.

Our Stories of Defending 2019-nCoV



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1. Song Yuchen

I hate this virus, so as the other people. Everyone was expecting to have a happy new year, but a simple disease destroyed what they had kept. Why do we want to eat bats anyway? Those creatures that are able to be eaten has already been served on our table: pork, beef, mutton, chicken, fish... Hell no! There are still groups of people who wants to eat something special: bat, eagle, rat... why can't you stop eating this damn things, those eatable things cannot satisfy you? Do you really want to risk your life? How about the others? Please, stop eating weird things now!

4. Wang Wanze

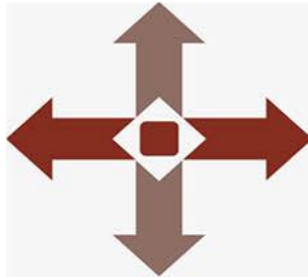
Because of the epidemic, my family and I were very anxious at first. However, we know that we have to face this situation with a brave face and form a healthy lifestyle. We are paying more attention to hygiene than usual, always putting on a face mask before we go anywhere. With strict bans imposed in most residential areas, getting takeouts is not as convenient as before. So I started to experiment with dishes that are delicious and relatively easy to cook. To my surprise, my creativity in sparking the quiet indoors life is rising though preparing the three meals.

6. Zhu Hongxi

Just like everyone, during the outbreak, instead of visiting relatives in the Spring Festival, I stay at home, instead of hanging out with my friends, I stay at home, instead of wandering here and there, I stay at home and check news updates about the virus every now and then. I was rather uneasy the first few days, but this kind of feeling is eased as a result of the whole country's arduous efforts. However, things happening in some other countries now seem not to be helpful to ease the anxiety. But in this battle with novel coronavirus, I believe we will win so long as continuous efforts have been made by everyone of us.

2. Xie duanyi

The quarantine period has surely changed the pace of our life. It seems that all of a sudden the whole country has lost its vitality and prosperity. Meanwhile, every citizen are participating in this fight without smoke, and my mother is not an exception. She is a physician in a children's hospital. Faced with the intense situation, her work undoubtedly became heavier. As she doesn't have time to cook for me, I began to learn cooking myself. By the means of gathering recipes from the Internet and watching lots of cooking videos, my cooking skill has now improved a lot. For me, the quarantine period unexpectedly enhances my life self-care ability and makes me realize the significance of taking good care of ourselves. I really hope that the pneumonia outbreak could be improved more quickly so that everything could be back to normal.



7. Kang Xuena

Both of my parents are doctors, they are busy in this Spring Festival because of the virus. When they face the choice about signing up to support Wuhan, they putting their names on the sheet with no hesitate. Mom said in calm voice: "We can't hide behind when the trouble is coming.". They told me that I must be a person who is kind and know what the responsibility is when I was young. Now they give me a lesson with their actions. Though they finally don't go to Wuhan because the situation is getting better, I will always remember this lesson. I do believe that we will win!

3. Wang Ziyue

This is an unusual Spring Festival. A report linked our hearts to Wuhan, we paid attention to the epidemic situation, the lives of the people in the affected areas and checked in on time every day. The epidemic situation in my area is relatively light. All I can do is to introduce the basic anti-epidemic measures to my families. In our youth WeChat group, we are called on to advertise epidemic prevention knowledge online in our own respective communities or villages. The mentors in our laboratory's labs are always concerned about the virus analysis dynamics, communicate scientific research progress to us daily, and feel the speed of China.

5. Xu Ruiyang

As the dire and sinister COVID-19 flooded our nation spreading the whole world, the misfortune and casualties along with the epidemic never skips a moment to alarm the sirens and push us to this harsh dilemma. Nevertheless, there is one thing for sure, nothing breaks this united and cohesive nation, where is hardship there we stand still and intrepidly fight. Healthcare services and our medical personnel with great valor come to the frontline to extricate the citizens in need from this vicious disease. The institutional superiority guarantees the security of people in the epidemical regions. Although formidable the COVID-19 comes, nothing can knock us down!

8. Song Chenghian

I woke up, with the starry sky of the new day at 5:00 a.m. After regular exercise, I went to the rooftop, scanning the luminous buildings far away. So comfortable, so peaceful, wasn't it? But it was absolutely clear that the white angels in Wuhan were still fighting to bring one more light to the patients, scientists remained burying themselves in the labs, hoping their efforts can catalyze for the birth of vaccines, and volunteers were sparing no efforts to ensure the basic needs of citizens in Wuhan. Such greatness! Compared to one country on the other side of the Pacific where people are urged not to wear masks, our response to the outbreak is timely and effective. Thanks to the government and the angels fighting against the plague. Hoping to gather under the blooming cherry trees when we win.

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# Parasite

— revealing the disparity between social strata.

《寄生虫》—关于社会阶级固化的揭露

Author/ Xu Ruiyang

Midway through the brilliant and deeply unsettling "Parasite," a destitute man voices empathy for a family that has shown him none. "They're rich but still nice," he says, aglow with good will. His wife has her doubts. "They're nice because they're rich," she counters. With their two adult children, they have insinuated themselves into the lives of their pampered counterparts. It's all going so very well until their worlds spectacularly collide, erupting with annihilating force. Comedy turns to tragedy



and smiles twist into grimaces as the real world splatters across the manicured lawn.

The story takes place in South Korea but could easily unfold in Los Angeles or London. The director Bong Joon Ho creates specific spaces and faces — the outer seamlessly meets the inner here — that are in service to universal ideas about human dignity, class, life itself. With its open plan and geometric shapes, the modernist home that becomes the movie's stage (and its house of horrors) looks as familiar as the cover of a LIFE magazine. It's the kind of clean, bright space that once expressed faith and optimism about the world but now whispers big-ticket taste and privilege.

The Kims' fortunes change after the son, Ki-woo, lands a lucrative job as an English-language tutor for the teenage daughter, Da-hye, of the wealthy family. The moment that he walks up the quiet, eerily depopulated street looking for the house it's obvious we're not idling in the lower depths anymore. Ki-woo crosses the threshold into another world, one of cultivated sensitivities and warmly polished surfaces that are at once signifiers of bourgeois success. For him, the house looks like a dream, one that his younger sister and parents soon join by taking other jobs in the home.

The other Kims secure their positions as art tutor, housekeeper and chauffeur, they seize them, using lies and charm to get rid of the house's other employees — including a longtime housekeeper. Yet they're not gullible as Ki-taek believes, but are instead deamed by cultivated

helplessness, the infantilization that money affords. In outsourcing their lives, all the cooking and cleaning and caring for their children, the Parks are as parasitical as their humorously opportunistic interlopers.

Bong's command of the medium is thrilling. He likes to move the camera, sometimes just to nudge your attention from where you think it should be, but always in concert with his restlessly inventive staging. When, in an early scene, the Kims crowd their superior from the pizza company, their bodies nearly spilling out of the frame, the image both underscores the family's closeness and foreshadows their collective assault on the rich family. Nothing if not a rigorous judge, Bong refuses to sentimentalize the Kims' togetherness or their poverty. But he does pointedly set it against the relative isolation of the rich family, who don't often share the same shot much less



the same room.

Bong has some ideas in "Parasite," but the movie's greatness isn't a matter of his apparent ethics or ethos — he's on the side of decency — but of how he delivers truths, often perversely. (He likes to get under your skin, not wag his finger.) He accents the rude comedy of the Kims' struggle with slyness and precision timing, encouraging your laughter. When the son and daughter can't locate a Wi-Fi signal — the family has been tapping a neighbor's — they find one near the toilet. And when a cloud of fumigation (烟熏) billows in from outside, an excited Ki-taek insists on keeping the windows open to take advantage of the free insecticide. They choke, you laugh. You also squirm.

The lightly comic tone continues after the Kims begin working for the wealthy family, despite ripples of unease that develop into rphides. Some of this disquiet is expressed in the dialogue, including through the Kims' performative subservience, with its studied courtesies and strategic assault. The poor family quickly learns what the rich family wants to hear. For their part, Mr. and Mrs. speak the language of brutal respectability each time they ask for something or deploy a metaphor, as when he gapes about people who "cross the line" and smell like "old radishes."

The turning point comes midway through when the rich family leave on a camping trip, packing up their Range Rover, outdoor projector included. In their absence, the Kims bring out the booze, kick back and take over the house, a break that's cut short when the old housekeeper returns, bringing a surprise with her. The drama becomes more violent, the stakes more naked, the laughs more terrifying and cruel. By that point, you are as comfortably settled in as the Kims; the house is very pleasant, after all. But the cost of that comfort and those pretty rooms — and the eager acquiescence to the unfairness and meanness they signify — comes at a terrible price.

One hour today is worth two tomorrow.



## Good Book to Read: The Qin Dynasty I: Black Fission

好书推荐:《大秦帝国1:黑色裂变》

Author/ Song Chenghan

At first, State Qin was a small and weak one among the Seven Warring States, being sneered at and almost dismembered by the other six powers. So I am curious: How can a weak and small state like that be the eventual winner of the Warring States era? The Qin Dynasty series written by Sun Haohui are the answer to my question. The series consist of six parts and this time is about the first one: Black Fission, which tells the story about Duke Xiao of Qin and Shang Yang.

He lay unconsciously on the ground of the dark hall, covered in spots of blood. Five steps next to him stands a huge stone tablet, whose center was inscribed with two shocking and bloody characters: national humiliation! The blood in the groove was not solidified, and the thin blood line was winding down.

Every son dreams of going beyond his father. Duke Xiao's father moved the capital to Yue yang, which is less than 150 kilometers from State Wei's army camp, to show the ambition that the lost land must be recovered by himself and finally made it.

In order to gain breathing space for State Qin, Duke Xiao reluctantly gave the territory his father recovered to State Wei. He cut his fingers and wrote in blood on the stone to encourage himself. He confided in Yang, and masterminded in the background to clear way for the reform. He said nothing when Yang killed 800 farmers for illegal fights, and when Yang cut off his brother's nose for dereliction of duty in educating the prince. He even banished the prince to uphold the authority of the New Law.

As to Shang Yang, he melded his ambitions perfectly with those of the monarch, even sacrificing his marriage to the one he loved most for the sake of State Qin. When true love cannot coexist with marriage, love will appear more pure and beautiful, isn't it?

Duke Xiao finally recovered his land which is next to the western Yellow River but passed away in the prime of life, leaving behind the country he loved so much and lonely Yang.

The prince, who experienced trials and tribulations of life, gradually realized that the New Law was the medicine to Qin's weakness and became a qualified and calm monarch.

"If God promises that Qin will unify other states, what will you do?" Duke Xiao asked his son.

"Even if it is our destiny, it needs painstaking efforts. I won't let dream be dream," Duke Hui Wen answered.

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