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Section

环球风情



Retrosexual Man

大都市的原始男人

本文看点



现代大都市的男人可分为两类：原始粗糙型 (Retrosexuals) 与优雅精品型 (Metrosexuals)。粗糙的 Retrosexual 男人有着历史定格的经典男子汉形象：他们不修边幅、不用化妆品、不进厨房、看不见地板上的灰尘、购买日用品从不还价且常被商家狠宰，但他们会修车刷墙筑篱笆、善与电工管道工打交道、喜欢倒垃圾、从不在服饰上浪费钱财。而雅致的 Metrosexual 男人则是当代西方繁华大都市滋养出的一族新新男人。他们年轻富有，衣着时尚，追求完美身材，使用化妆品，但绝无同性恋倾向。此类都市美男的典型代表是球星贝克·汉姆、影星施瓦辛格与布莱德·皮特，以及阿迪达斯产品广告代言人——澳大利亚游泳名将伊恩·索普。

This is the story of how my husband got mugged at the chemist's. It wasn't his fault. On certain matters, he is as innocent as a newborn baby and should not be allowed to roam around unsupervised at cosmetics counters. In other words, he's a genuine guy.

Genuine guys are sometimes known as retrosexuals, to distinguish them from metrosexuals, who are men with the good taste of gay men, only they're straight. Metrosexuals are particular about their grooming and great consumers of men's cosmetic products. They use hair gel. Retrosexuals are scared of



hair gel.

Secretly I've always thought my husband could stand to be just a little bit more metro. Sometimes I buy him fancy shaving cream and leave it suggestively on his side of sink. He never gets the hint. He prefers a ten-second dry shave with a plastic disposable razor and toilet paper to stanch (止血) the wounds.

From time to time my husband's retrosexuality bothers me. He can't understand why it's time to paint the kitchen when we just painted it 9 years ago. He doesn't grasp why we need expensive blinds (遮光窗帘) on the kitchen windows when we leave them permanently rolled up. He's baffled that my haircuts cost ten times more than his do, and he thinks massages are a waste of time. There're many things on which we'll never see eye to eye.

But there're advantages to my husband's retrosexual orientation, and they are large. For example, being completely indifferent to appearance, a retrosexual will never complain that you're putting on weight. This is one of the foundation stones of a good marriage. Also, it's easy to impress him with your culinary skills. My husband is so grateful to get out of kitchen duty, he brags about my cooking even though it's usually quite lousy. He is happy to do certain household tasks, like garbage duty and replacing light bulbs. He knows it's his job to talk to plumbers and electricians. We have lapsed into tired gender stereotypes. We don't care. We only wish there were a third gender to clean the kitty litter (猫粪).

I blame myself for the mugging at the chemist's. I never should have let him to go alone. Something similar would have happened if I'd wandered into an electronics store and tried to buy a fancy new TV. The chance of a good outcome is remote.

The trouble began when he noticed his feet were dry and itchy. He blames his new socks. Off he went to the chemist to get something to rub on them. He was excited when he got home. “This will do the trick”, he said and showed me a small bottle. According to the label, the ingredients included Vichy thermal-spa water (温泉矿物质) from France, which explains why the bottle cost \$43.

“You’ve been mugged”, I said. He didn’t know he could have got exactly what he needed (minus the Vichy water) for \$3.99 to treat his itchy feet.

Naturally I teased him ever since. But actually I have no interest in men who are interested in skin care. I’m happy to let them worry about oil level in the car. Some might call this sexist. I call it a sensible division of labor. And it’s a chief benefit of marriage.

(651 words)

经典句型

1. Genuine guys are sometimes known as retrosexuals, to distinguish them from metrosexuals, who are men with the good taste of gay men, only they’re straight. 真男人有时被叫做“原始男人”，以区别于所谓的“精品男人”——他们虽然有着同性恋男子的优雅生活品味，却仍是真正的男子汉。
2. Secretly I’ve always thought my husband could stand to be just a little bit more metro. 私下里我一直希望自己的丈夫还可以再优雅细致一点。
3. This will do the trick. 这东西一定灵验。
4. We have lapsed into tired gender stereotypes. 我们陷入了老套的性别角色。