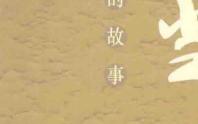
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译者序

虽然我不知道 Corey Hopp 为什么会在大学毕业之际选择来中国教英语,也不甚了解他什么时候对中国武术产生了兴趣,但我清楚地记得我们是 2007 年的秋季开学前的某一天认识的。那一年,学院领导让我负责一位新来的外教在教学方面的事宜,换句话说,我是这位的 co-worker(合作同事)。第一次见面是在外国语学院的会议室,Corey 告诉我,他来自美国马里兰州,刚刚大学毕业,中文名字叫"霍豪德"。我当时有点诧异于他为什么要姓"霍",还有个"豪德"这样响亮的名字,但出于礼貌,终究没有问个为什么。

和 Corey 合作的那一年我们建立了良好的私人关系,以至于Corey 后来学着周围的中国人叫我"兄弟"(brother)。他经常通过email 或者手机短信向我提出各种自己不太明白的问题,有时一天之内能问上好几个 why 或 how,虽然主要是教学方面的,但也会涉及衣食住行等问题。那年冬天,有个朋友的小孩因为打算去英国读书,需要找个老外练习口语,于是我便把 Corey 介绍给他们。也许是因为担心单独和老外沟通起来有比较多的麻烦,朋友每次都会请我和Corey 一道去他家,而且每次招待得都特别周到,时间长了,Corey 也成了他们家的好朋友。后来朋友托我问 Corey 他们应该付给他多少学费,没想到 Corey 说"我们是兄弟"(we are brothers),不用付。我不禁诧异于这个美国人在中国的"同化"速度是如此之快,虽然我知道他在业余时间给中国小孩上课的收费是很高的。

让我更惊讶的是, Corey 开始学习中国的太极拳, 竟然还引起了

媒体的注意。一天下午,朋友打电话问我是否认识我们当地的报纸——《皖江晚报》上那个练习太极拳的年轻老外。于是我匆忙找来那期报纸,Corey身着一袭白色练功服的照片赫然跃入我的眼帘,照片上方还有个醒目的标题——"太极门下洋弟子"。我跟 Corey谈起那份报纸的时候,他说来中国之前就听说过很多关于中国功夫的故事,也想着有朝一日能成为一个功夫明星。我突然有些明白他为什么姓"霍"了,可能是看了功夫片《少林寺》,知道我们的"霍元甲"了。

Charlette and all the charlette

Corey 在我们学校一共担任了《英语口语》《英语写作》等四门课程的教学任务,因为高大帅气、待人和善、富有幽默感,他的课很受学生欢迎。但时光匆匆,转眼就到了2008年的6月,Corey一年的教学任务接近了尾声,他也着手离校了。临行前的一天,Corey 请我帮他到银行办理转账事宜,我发现他只是把收入的一部分兑换成美元,其余的则打到一个人民币的账户,于是便好奇地问他下一学年是否打算还继续来我校任教。他没有直接回答我的问题,只是说回美国后再考虑,但一定会给我一个答复。于是我们约定相互保持联系。

2008年的10月26日,我收到了Corey 离校后的第一封 email, 获悉他已经回到中国,在湖北的襄樊学院教书,而且他对武当山的中国功夫产生了浓厚的兴趣。欣慰之余,我对Corey 是否会参加武当学校的武术训练课程充满了期待。Corey 离校后的第二封 email 让我等了几乎一整年。那是2009年10月8日,信上说他已经开始进行全职的传统武术课程训练,并且是5年的全职训练,惊诧之余,我不禁佩服起他的决心和勇气。

全职习武让 Corey 的思维变得非常活跃,他的 email 便渐渐多了起来,特别是在得知他开通博客之后,我对 Corey 的了解进入了一个前所未有的深度。他的文字时而行云流水,时而风驰电掣,我常常被他的叙述所裹挟,跟着他指引的小路深入到他的内心世界,享受着他的思想,体验到精神的快感。当然,透过他的文字,我可以清楚

地感觉到他对中国传统武术的喜爱,以及他为之而付出的不懈努力和牺牲。但是,更让我欣喜也为之感动的是,Corey 在他的叙述中坦诚相告在习武过程中所遇到的不适与不安,对在中国生活期间所见所闻的反思。这些感受和反思实际上汇集了一个当代美国年轻人对中国文化和中国武术的感受和理解。于是,我萌发了这样一个想法:能不能让更多的中国人来了解这些?我们是否可以从中获益?

2012 年的秋天,我开始整理 Corey 给我的来信和他的博客文章,在征得 Corey 的同意后,我让自己任教的英语 2010 级和 2011 级学生以此作为翻译练习材料。让我感到特别欣慰的是,学生们对这种原汁原味的电子邮件和博客文章所表现出的兴趣超出了我的想象,很短的时间内他们就拿出了译文初稿。期间,我和学生们就不能理解的原文若干处还特地去信向 Corey 咨询,他及时地给我们一一作了详细的回复。在译文修改阶段,我的学生江君、邢斌魁、朱丽、卞月婷、许若珍、汪明珠、朱寒霜等人利用各自的优势,对译文的改进做出了很多贡献。如今,历经修改的译文终于摆上了案头,我期待着有更多的读者能体验和欣赏 Corey 在中国的习武过程和他的思想。

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Section I Email

第一部分 电子邮件



教館 写廊 主味事件 政件局 運輸工作 学教育 之处也 已解除 垃圾板

One of the cocleat things that happened recently was 10 of the students in my class went to Beiling to perform in the opening ceremony for an international installal article competition. It was a hassie for a million reasons, but the spacke was I was on international fell-vision standing next to Jackie Chani Thaf's right, this is probably the closest I will ever get to the film star who is probably more responsible for my current file path than any other Uniforumatally, the detector legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from us that I didn't get to detect legst Jackie so insulated from use the legst le

Anyway, TI leave it there for now. I think my smalls for a lot of the family are outdated, because a lot of shaff addressed to cousins and aurits and uncles bounces back. If you mention me to someone and they say "leve, how the doing?" I haven't heard from him in ages!" could you forward this to them and get them to email me so C can fix my list?"

Look for more emails from me soon!
-Corey

Hi, Friends and Family

October 26, 2008

Hey, friends and family!

You know, if I didn't do these mass emails once in a while, I would never tell anyone anything. Luckily I saw almost all of you just a few months ago, so the number of stories hasn't piled up too badly since then.

In case you don't have time to read this whole thing, the point of it all is I am doing fine and tackling new challenges here in China. My new address is: International Office of Xiangfan University, 7#Longzhong Road, Xiangfan, Hubei 441053, China.

And now the long version: I am back in China of course, teaching at a new university. This one is called Xiangfan University, and is located in Hubei Province, just a little further west from Anhui where I was working last

大家好

2008年10月26日

嗨,大家好!

你们懂的,如果不是之前 断断续续地写下这一大堆的电 邮,恐怕我现在很难跟你们讲 清楚是怎么回事了。好在几个 月前我跟你们大多都见过面, 所以那以后要讲的故事才没有 积压得太多。

如果你们没时间看完整个邮件也没关系,我就是想告诉大家,我在中国很好,而且在迎接新的挑战。我的新地址是:中国湖北省襄樊市隆中路7号襄樊学院外事办公室,邮编:441053。

下面就说说具体情况吧。 我现在自然是回到了中国,在 一个新的大学教书。这个大学 叫作襄樊学院,位于湖北省,比 我去年教书的安徽省只是更往 西去了一点。 year.

The trip here was uneventful. It was tiring but I am becoming experienced with these long flights. Anyone planning to fly around the world, remember: you can get out of your seat. When you feel like it, go stand in the back and talk to flight attendants or something. It really saves the legs and butt from all that sitting. The long plane ride was followed by a 20-hour train ride from shanghai to Xiangfan. Which was really OK, because I got a sleeper ticket, so I had a bunk to crash out on for much of the trip.

As I bet I told you, the reason I chose this place to work is because it is just 2 hours by train to Wudangshan, which is where I found an amazing internal kungfu and taichi school. By the way, by "internal" it is meant that through this training, one cultivates a deeper strength than that which is found in muscle and bone (or the "external" body).

来这里的路上一切顺利。 虽然旅途劳顿,但我对这种长途飞行已经慢慢习惯了。如果你打算乘飞机环游世界的话,要记住,你不必一直坐在飞机上不动。如果你愿意的跟空车不动。如果你愿意着跟空车人员,对他人是要被多。下了飞机之后,再处上海坐20个小时的火车才能到达赛类。不过那真的没什么,因为我买了一张卧铺票,这样就可以有一个铺位在旅途中尽情大睡。

我肯定告诉过你们我选择 这个地方教书的原因,因为从 这里到武当山坐火车只要2个 小时。在武当山,我发现了一 种令人惊奇的内功和太极门 派。顺便说一下,"内"意味着 这个训练可以培养一种深入到 肌肉和骨头(或者叫"外部"机 体)内部的更深层次的力量。 刚到襄樊学院的时候,学校一 个月都没有安排我上课,所以 When I first got here, the University had no classes for me to teach for a month, so I was able to spend a lot of time in Wudang training. It is amazing that spending whole days and weekends at a time thinking about nothing but your own complete health and well-being can do. If you have never tried it, I hope you can do so some time. It is fantastic. And I don't just mean kungfu. I mean focusing on being healthier and happier, whatever that means to you.

A really cool side affect of my trips to Wudang last month was that I spent a lot of time talking to Chinese people on the train going to and from. As a result, my Chinese has become much better. I feel that I am coming close to a crucial point where my Chinese will be good enough that I can acquire vocabulary naturally through conversation. That is, I think I will soon be able to stop someone if I don't understand a word, and I will be

我可以花很多时间在武当山练武。真是不可思议,能有机会花上整整几天或者几个星期的时间什么都不干,完完全全地考虑自己的健康和幸福。如果你们从没这样做过,希望你们有时间可以一试,真的很棒。我这么说并不仅仅指练功夫,我的意思是,能够专注于如何使自己变得更健康、更幸福,无论它对你意味着什么。

一个非常棒的意外收获是,上个月在去武当山的旅途中,我和火车上来来往往的中国人交谈甚多。因此,我的中文进步了很多。我觉得我正处于一个至关重要的阶段,即我的中文可能会好到可以通过和别人交谈自然掌握大量词汇的程度。也就是说,我觉得我很快能够做到在我不理解某个词的时候立即打断一个人,然后能够理解那个词简单的中文解释。很棒,对不对?