

How Do Chinese REALLY Feel About Their Economy?

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Nín juéde duìbǐ qián jǐ nián

您觉得对比前几年

Compared to a few years ago,

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gǎnjué xiànzài de dàhuánjìng zěnmeyàng?

感觉现在的大环境怎么样?

what do you think the current (economy) is like?

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Jiù chà le hěn duō

就差了很多

It's much worse.

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Jiùshì xiàng wǒ qián jǐ nián bìyè de xuézhǎng xuéjīe

就是像我前几年毕业的学长学姐

For example, seniors who graduated a few years ago

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tāmen zhǎo gōngzuò dōu shì hǎojǐ fèn offer

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他们找工作都是好几份 offer
had multiple job offers.

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Dànshì wǒmen xiànzài zhǎo gōngzuò jiùshì miàn le hǎo duō,
但是我们现在找工作就是面了好多,
But when we look for jobs now,

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ránhòu kěnéng jiù yī gè offer
然后可能就一个 offer
maybe we get just one offer.

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ránhòu jiù dōu méiyǒu xuǎnzé de yúdi jiù qù le
然后就都没有选择的余地就去了
So, we have no choice but to take it.

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Jiù bùhǎo ya, dōu bùhǎo ya
就不好呀，都不好呀
It's not good, everything is not good.

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Bùhǎo jiùshì yǒu tǐxiàn ma?
不好就是有体现吗?
How is this "not good" reflected?

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Jiù bǐrúshuō rénmen zài xiāofèi xíguàn shang
比如说人们在消费习惯上
For example, have people's spending habits

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huòzhě shì qítā de shēnghuó xíguàn shang yǒu gǎibiàn ma?
或者是其他的生活习惯上有改变吗?
or other lifestyle habits changed?

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Wǒ juéde bùhǎo jiùshì tǐxiàn zài wǒ de gōngzī tài dī shang
我觉得不好就是体现在我的工资太低上
It's reflected in my low salary.

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Bāokuò qiánbèi men yě huì shuō

包括前辈们也会说

Even colleagues who are senior to me say

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méiyǒu yǐqián zhuànqián róngyì le

没有以前赚钱容易了

it's not as easy to make money as before.

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Wǒ juéde shì bùtài hǎo de

我觉得是不太好的

I don't think it's very good.

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Nǐ xiāofèi jiàngjí zhè shì dàjiā hěn tiānrán de yī gè gǎnchù, shì ba?

你消费降级这是大家很天然的一个感触，是吧？

First of all, people spending less is a very natural response, right?

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Ránhòu èr yī gè nǐ zìjǐ zhèngqián nán bù nán,

然后二一个你自己挣钱难不难，

Secondly, when people find it difficult to earn money,

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zìjǐ xīnli shì hěn qīngchū de

自己心里是很清楚的

they know it very well.

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Dì sān yī gè wǒ shuō gèhánggèyè

第三个我说各行各业

Thirdly, I'd say in all walks of life,

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dāng nǐ tīngdào jiùshì shèhuì dàzhòng dàjiā dōu yīqǐ bàoyuàn de shíhòu,

当你听到就是社会大众大家都一起抱怨的时候，

when you hear the general public all complaining together,

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zhè lǐmiàn yǒu yībàn shì suíbōzhúliú de,

这里面有一半是随波逐流的，

half of that is just following the crowd

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yǒu yībàn shì zhēnde jiù zìjǐ jiù zài zhèzhǒng jiǒngjìng lǐmiàn
有一半是真的就自己就在这种窘境里面
and the other half is genuine, because they have experienced

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shēn yǒu tǐhuì, tā cái huì yǒu gǎntàn
深有体会，他才会有感叹
that difficulty firsthand, which is why they complain about it.

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Wǒ shuō gēn mínshēng xiāngguān de, nǐ kàn zhège jiùshì pīfā hángyè
我说跟民生相关的，你看这个就是批发行业
Regarding people's livelihood, you can look at the wholesale industry

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jiùshì gègè chéngshì de zhèzhǒng jí sàn yuántóu,
就是各个城市的这种集散源头，
which is the distribution hub for every city.

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xiàng zhèzhǒng dòng huò bái tiáo,
像这种冻货白条，
For things like frozen goods and livestock,

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tā qíshí tāmen de shēngyì dōu zài biàn chà
它其实他们的生意都在变差
their business is getting worse.

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Nǐ rúguǒ qù zǒu dào zhèyàng de dà shìchǎng, dà de zhèzhǒng jí sàndì
你如果去走到这样的大市场，大的这种集散地
If you go to a big market, a large distribution center,

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nǐ qù wèn rènhé yī gè lǎobǎn,
你去问任何一个老板，
and ask any boss,

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tāmen xiànzài shēngyì gǎn sān nián qián dōu shì yǒu qūbié de
他们现在生意赶三年前都是有区别的
(they will tell you) their business now compared to three years ago is different.

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Hěn duō zhèzhǒng dàzōng chūhuò de zhèzhǒng lǎobǎn,

很多这种大宗出货的这种老板,

Many of these bosses who used to ship in large quantities

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tāmen xiànzài dōu kāishǐ jiē sǎn dān le, dōu kāishǐ jiē líng huò le

他们现在都开始接散单了, 都开始接零货了

have now started taking smaller orders.

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Jiùshì tā de yètai yǐjīng bèi wǎng xià lā, zhèzhǒng yètai yǐjīng méiyǒu...

就是它的业态已经被往下拉, 这种业态已经没有...

The way they do business has lost its prestige and it's no longer...

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Bù xiàng yǐqián nà yàng gāogāozàishàng le,

不像以前那样高高在上了,

It is not as superior as it used to be (meaning they only cared about doing business with big wholesalers before).

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tā yǐjīng yuè lái yuè jiē jìn nǐ de shíhòu,

它已经越来越接近你的时候,

When it gets closer and closer to you,

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jiù shuōmíng zhègè jīngjì yuè lái yuè chà

就说明这个经济越来越差

it means the economy is getting worse.

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Wǒ juéde hái shì zài huīfù ba

我觉得还是在恢复吧

I think it is recovering.

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Yìqíng zhīhòu, qíshí gègè jīngjì huánjìng dōu zài fùsū

疫情之后, 其实各个经济环境都在复苏

After the pandemic, the economy in various aspects is actually recovering.

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Bǐrúshuō zánmen de Guìlín mǎlāsōng,

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比如说咱们的桂林马拉松,
For example, for the Guilin Marathon,

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liǎng wàn duō rén yìqǐ guòlái
两万多人一起过来
over twenty thousand people came to participate.

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Wǒ juéde tǐyù shìyè de xīngqǐ jiù dài biǎo le jīngjì shìyè de xīngqǐ
我觉得体育事业的兴起就代表了经济事业的兴起
I think the rise of the sports industry shows the rise in the economy.

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Gǎnjué xiànzài zhǎo gōngzuò dōu hěn nán ba
感觉现在找工作都很难吧
I feel it's hard to find a job now.

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Wǒ tīng yǒuxiē jiāzhǎng tāmen jiùshì xiànzài zhǎo gōngzuò yě tèbié nán
我听有些家长他们就是现在找工作也特别难
I hear some parents say that it is very difficult for them to find a job too

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ránhòu zhuànqián yě bǐjiào nán
然后赚钱也比较难
and it's also quite difficult to make money.

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Wǒ juéde hái shì yǒusuǒ xiàjiàng ba,
我觉得还是有所下降吧,
I think there has been a decline.

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jiùshìshuō huánjìng biànde èliè yīdiǎndiǎn
就是说环境变得恶劣一点点
The (economy) has become a little worse.

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Cóng wǒmen de xiāofèi zhuàngkuàng lái kàn,
从我们的消费状况来看,
Judging from our consumption,

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nàge xiāofèi yù shì xiàjiàng le
那个消费欲是下降了
the desire to consume has dropped.

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Bǐrú zuìjìn tā yǒu hěn duō shāngzhàn ma,
比如最近它有很多商战嘛,
For example, recently there has been a lot of business wars,

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jiùshì nàxiē shāngjiā tā wèile tígāo rénmen de xiāofèi yù a
就是那些商家他为了提高人们的消费欲啊
where businesses, in order to boost people's desire to consume,

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tā jiù tuīchū yīxiē yōuhuì huódòng
他就推出一些优惠活动
have launched discount campaigns

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ránhòu yǐ jīfā rénmen qù gòumǎi tā de shāngpǐn
然后以激发人们去购买他的商品
to encourage people to buy their products.

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Xiànzài hěn duō wǒmen niánqīngrén chūqù chīfàn a
现在很多我们年轻人出去吃饭啊
Now, when many of us young people go out to eat,

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huì qù shǒujī kàn nàge tuángòu
会去手机看那个团购
it's common to check group-buying deals on the Internet,

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jiùshì zhēngqǔ gèng yōuhuì de jiàgé qù xiǎngshòu zhège fúwù, duì
就是争取更优惠的价格去享受这个服务，对
in order to get a more favorable price to enjoy the service.

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Xiànzài de zhěngtǐ Zhōngguó de jīngjì dàhuánjìng shì bǐjiào bùhǎo de
现在的整体中国的经济大环境是比较不好的
The current economy in China is not very good.

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Jiù bǐrúshuō wǒmen de gōngzī,
就比如说我们的工资,
For example, with our salary,

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tā kěnéng zuìgāo yī fèn sān qiān wǔ de gōngzī,
它可能最高一份三千五的工资,
perhaps a job with the monthly salary of 3,500 yuan (\$493)

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tā huì yāoqiú nǐ gàn hěn duō gè rén de gōngzuò.
他会要求你干很多个人的工作。
will require you to do the work of several people.

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Ránhòu bāokuò xiànzài de wùjià
然后包括现在的物价
Also, the prices of goods

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yě zài mànman mànman de dōu xiàjiàng... xiàjiàng le
也在慢慢慢慢地都下降... 下降了
have slowly dropped.

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Jiù bāokuò wǒmen Zhōngguó zhù míng de hǎidǐlāo
就包括我们中国著名的海底捞
Even the well-known Chinese (hotpot chain restaurant), Haidilao

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zhīqián hǎidǐlāo shì méiyǒu tuángòu de
之前海底捞是没有团购的
which never offered discount deals before,

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ránhòu xiànzài jiù hěn duō tàocān, tā dōu chūxiàn le tuángòu
然后现在就很多套餐, 它都出现了团购
is now offering many set meals with discounted prices.

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Bāokuò hǎidǐlāo yě yǒu bǎitān,
包括海底捞也有摆摊,
Haidilao also set up street stalls (in order to boost sells), a

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zài wǒmen zhīqián yǒu xīnwén bōchū ma

在我们之前有新闻播出嘛

It was reported in the news recently.

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Jiùshì hǎo duō shāngjiā shēngyì yě bùhǎo zuò le, shì ba? | Duì

就是好多商家生意也不好做了，是吧？ | 对

So, many businesses are not doing well, right? | Yes.

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Xiànzài de shāngjiā jiù jǐnjiēzhe yījiā jiē yījiā dǎobì ma

现在的商家就紧接着一家接一家倒闭嘛

Businesses are closing down one after another.

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Suǒyǐ shuō jìnjǐnián de jīngjì dàhuánjìng shì bùhǎo de

所以说近几年的经济大环境是不好的

So, the general economy in recent years is not good.

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Dànshì ne wǒ xiāngxìn jiùshì wǒmen Zhōngguó tā de fāzhǎn

但是呢我相信就是我们中国它的发展

But I believe that China's development

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shì yī gè bōdòng shì de qǐfú ma

是一个波动式的起伏嘛

is a fluctuating process.

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Duì, yǒu dī cái yǒu gāo, yǒu gāo yě huì yǒu dī de

对，有低才有高，有高也会有低的

Yes, there are lows and highs, and vice versa.

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Suǒyǐ shuō wèilái kěndìng huì yuèláiyuè hǎo de,

所以说未来肯定会越来越好的，

So the future will definitely get better and better.

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wǒ xiāngxìn wǒmen guójiā de fāzhǎn

我相信我们国家的发展

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I believe in the development of our country.

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Nà shēnbiān de rén tāmen yǒuméiyǒu bàoyuàn jīngjì bùhǎo?

那身边的人他们有没有抱怨经济不好?

Have people around you complained that the economy is bad?

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Ránhòu shuō gōngzuò bùhǎo zhǎo

然后说工作不好找

Have they said that jobs are hard to find

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huòzhě shì qián bùhǎo zhuàn zhīlèi de

或者是钱不好赚之类的

or that money is hard to earn and so on?

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Qiánduànshíjiān wǒ yǒu péngyou yě shì dàxué bìyè,

前段时间我有朋友也是大学毕业,

Some time ago, a friend of mine who graduated from university

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ránhòu qù wàimài... pǎo wàimài guòdù yīxià rìzi

然后去外卖... 跑外卖过渡一下日子

went to deliver food as a temporary job.

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Ránhòu tā gēn wǒ shuōdào zhīqián yī dān...

然后他跟我说到之前一单...

He told me that before,

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Dānjià shì wǔ kuài qián yī dān

单价是五块钱一单

he could make 5 yuan (\$0.70) per order,

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Xiànzài shì wǔ kuài qián sān dān

现在是五块钱三单

but now it is 5 yuan for three orders

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Wǔ kuài qián sān dān nǐ dōu qiǎng bùdào

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五块钱三单你都抢不到

and even with that price, you might still not get the orders.

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Xiànzài shì zhèyàng de yī gè qíngkuàng

现在是这样的一個情況

That's the situation now.

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Ránhòu xiànzài pǎo wàimài qíshí yě zhuàn bùliǎo shénme qián

然後現在跑外賣其實也賺不了什麼錢

Nowadays, you can't really make much money delivering food.

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Jiùshì dàhuánjìng tā bùhǎo jiù tǐxiàn dào le zhèxiē diǎn

就是大環境它不好就體現到了這些點

So, the bad economy is reflected in the fact

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Jiùshì gǎngwèi shǎo dànshì ne qiǎng de rén duō

就是崗位少但是呢搶的人多

that there are fewer job positions but many people competing for them.

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Nín shì cóngshì nǎge hángyè de?

您是從事哪個行業的?

What industry are you in?

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Wǒ shì zuò zhìnéng yìngjiàn de

我是做智能硬件的

I work in smart hardware (electronic devices or products that are connected to the Internet).

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Zhège hángyè xiànzài zěnmeyàng?

這個行業現在怎麼樣?

How is this industry now?

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Yě fēicháng hǎo, wǒmen zuò wàimào

也非常好，我們做外貿

It's very good. We do foreign trade.

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Zài Měiguó ōuzhōu nàbian yòng wǒmen de chǎnpǐn fēicháng duō

在美国欧洲那边用我们的产品非常多

Many people use our products in the US and Europe.

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Zhīqián Tèlǎngpǔ bùshì gěi wǒmen jiā le guānshuì ma?

之前特朗普不是给我们加了关税吗?

Didn't Trump impose tariffs on us before?

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Duì nǐmen yǒuyǐngxiǎng ma?

对你们有影响吗?

Did it affect you guys?

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Shì yǒuyǐngxiǎng de

是有影响的

It did have an impact.

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Yǐngxiǎng dà ma?

影响大吗?

Was the impact significant?

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Qíshí duì wǒmen láishuō wǒmen de zhìzào chéngběn shì méiyǒu biànhuà de

其实对我们来说我们的制造成本是没有变化的

Actually, for us, our manufacturing cost hasn't changed.

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dànshì duì guówài de yǒurén láishuō

但是对国外的友人来说

But for our foreign customers,

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tāmen gòumǎi wǒmen de chǎnpǐn jiàgé huì bǐjiào gāo

他们购买我们的产品价格会比较高

the price they pay to buy our products became higher.

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Suǒyǐ wǒmen de yònghù zài shèméi shàng fēngkuáng de tùcáo Tèlǎngpǔ

所以我们的用户在社媒上疯狂地吐槽特朗普

So, our customers are complaining fiercely about Trump on social media.

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Nà nǐmen ne? Nǐmen tùcáo Tèlǎngpǔ ma?

那你们呢？你们吐槽特朗普吗？

What about you guys? Do you complain about Trump?

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Wǒmen yě tùcáo tā ya

我们也吐槽他呀

We complain about him too

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Zhè duì wǒmen de yònghù bùlì a

这对我们的用户不利啊

because he is not good to our customers.

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Ràng wǒmen de yònghù huā le gèng duō de qián

让我们的用户花了更多的钱

He makes our customers spend more money

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qù mǎi le tóngyàng de dōngxi

去买了同样的东西

to buy the same product.

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Nà tāmen méiyǒu qù biéde dìfang mǎi ma?

那他们没有去别的地方买吗？

Didn't they start buying from other countries

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Jiù jiǎshè lái zhèbiān mǎi guì dehuà

就假设来这边买贵的话

if it was expensive to buy from us?

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Wǒmen Zhōngguó de zhìzàoyè háishi bǐjiào fādá de

我们中国的制造业还是比较发达的

The manufacturing industry in China is still quite developed.

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Jiù zài guì háishi piányi shì ba?

就再贵还是便宜是吧？

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So even if it's more expensive, it's still cheaper (than other countries), right?

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Duì duì duì, érqiě wǒmen de pǐnpái lì shì fēicháng qiángdà de

对对对，而且我们的品牌力是非常强大的

Exactly. And our brand is very strong

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Zhège zài guówài de shìchǎng wǒmen yě shì top one de

这个在国外的市场我们也是 top one 的

and we are number one even in the foreign market.

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Nà nǐ dàxué xué de shénme zhuānyè?

那你大学学的什么专业?

What was your major in university?

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Wǒ dàxué xué de ruǎnjiànjìshù

我大学学的软件技术

I majored in software technology.

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Nà xiànzài cóngshì zhè fāngmiàn de gōngzuò ma?

那现在从事这方面的工作吗?

Are you working in that field now?

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Bìng méiyǒu

并没有

No, I'm not.

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Nà nín cóngshì nǎ fāngmiàn de ya? | Jiǔdiàn

那您从事哪方面的呀? | 酒店

So what field are you working in? | Hotel.

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Nǐ dāngshí zěnméi méiyǒu zhǎodào gēn zìjǐ zhuānyè duìkǒu de gōngzuò a?

你当时怎么没有找到跟自己专业对口的工作啊?

Why didn't you find a job related to your major back then?

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Hěn nán zhǎo a

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很难找啊

It was very difficult to find one!

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Wǒmen zhuānkē chūlái,

我们专科出来,

Since we graduated from a vocational college,

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nǐ shuō shàng bǐ bùguò nàzhǒng běnkē de

你说上比不过那种本科的

we can't compete with people who have bachelor's degrees

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xià ne yòu bǐ bùguò nàzhǒng cóngxiǎo jiālǐ jiù xué de

下呢又比不过那种从小家里就学的

or those who have been learning it since childhood.

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Érqiě tā qǐbù jiùshì yào jǐnián jǐnián jīngyàn

而且它起步就是要几年几年经验

In addition, companies always require applicants to have years of experience as a starting point.

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Nà nǐ yòu yào yīngjiè shēng nǐ yòu yào jīngyàn,

那你又要应届生你又要经验,

They want a fresh graduate, but they also want experience,

125

nà nǐ dàodǐ shì xiǎng gànshénme?

那你到底是想干什么?

what do they really want?!

126

Nà nǐ dāngshí jiù méiyǒu kǎolǜ zuò ma?

那你当时就没有考虑做吗?

Didn't you consider trying harder to get a job

127

Bìjìng shì gēn zhuānyè duìkǒu de ma

毕竟是跟专业对口的嘛

related to your major?

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Wǒ yǒu kǎolǜ guo ba

我有考虑过吧

I did consider it.

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Dànshì wǒmen jiālǐ rén yě yǒu zài, tā yě shì zhège...

但是我们家里人也有在，他也是这个...

But I also have a family member who is in this field.

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Tā shì shuòshì biyè

他是硕士毕业

He graduated with a master's degree,

131

xiànzài sìshí suì le shīyè le

现在四十岁了失业了

and he is forty years old now, but he lost his job.

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Shuòshì yě shīyè le? | Shīyè le

硕士也失业了? | 失业了

A master's degree holder is also unemployed? | Yep.

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Zěnmehuíshì a?

怎么回事啊?

What happened?

134

Jiùshì xiànzài zhè huánjìng bùhǎo a

就是现在这环境不好啊

It's just that the environment is bad now

135

tā xiànzài jiùshì zhè gōngzuò jiù xūyào xīnxiān xuèyè zhùrù a

它现在就是这工作就需要新鲜血液注入啊

and this kind of job always requires the injection of fresh blood (younger people).

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Nǐ sì wǔshí suì le, duìbùduì?

你四五十岁了，对不对?

If you're in your 40s or 50s,

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Nǐ zài huì xiě yǒu shénme yòng?

你还会写有什么用?

no matter how good you are at (coding), it's useless!

138

Háishi huì yǒurén bǎ nǐ dǐngtì diào de

还是会有人把你顶替掉的

Someone (younger) will replace you.

139

Nín shì cóngshì shénme hángyè de ya?

您是从事什么行业的呀?

What industry are you in?

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Shuǐlìgōngchéng de shèjì

水利工程的设计

Water conservancy engineering design.

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Zhège hángyè xiànzài zěnmeyàng?

这个行业现在怎么样?

How is this industry now?

142

Wǒ xiànzài de zhège gǎngwèi

我现在的这个岗位

In my current position,

143

kěnéng wǒ zuò de bù zhǐshì wǒ yī gè rén de huó

可能我做的不只是我一个人的活

I am doing more than one person's work.

144

Wǒ kěnéng yī gè rén zài dǐng sān gè rén zài yòng

我可能一个人在顶三个人在用

I might be doing the work of three people by myself,

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Dànshì ná de shì yī gè rén de gōngzī

但是拿的是一个人的工资

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but receiving the salary of one person.

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Jiù gānggang nín shuō zhège yī gè rén gàn zhe sān gè rén de huó

就刚刚您说这个一个人干着三个人的活

Just now you mentioned that you are doing the work of three people.

147

nà zhè yī tiān gōngzuò shícháng ne? Zhè yǒu zēngjiā de ba

那这一天工作时长呢？这有增加的吧

What about the working hours in a day? It must have increased, right?

148

Shícháng jiù líng líng qī a

时长就零零七啊

I work 007 - from 0 AM to 0 AM (24 hours), 7 days a week. (It's not literal, it means that he feels he is working all the time).

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Dōu bùshì jiǔ jiǔ liù le, shì ba?

都不是九九六了，是吧？

It's not 996 anymore?

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Duì a, jiùshì líng líng qī a, hěn zhèngcháng líng líng qī

对啊，就是零零七啊，很正常零零七

That's right, it's 007 (24 hours, 7 days a week) now and it's very normal.

151

Jīngcháng háishi shuō ǒu'ěr?

经常还是说偶尔？

Is it frequent or occasional?

152

Wǒ cóng èr líng èr wǔ nián kāi nián dào jīntiān,

我从二零二五年开年到今天，

From the beginning of 2025 until today,

153

wǒ méiyǒu yī gè wánzhěng de jiéjiàrì

我没有一个完整的节假日

I haven't had a single day off.

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Nà líng líng qī nà xīnzī bù gěi nǐ zhǎng?

那零零七那薪资不给你涨?

If you work 007, don't you get a raise?

155

Bùhuì, méiyǒu suǒwèi de jiābān gōngzī,

不会, 没有所谓的加班工资,

No, there is no such thing as overtime pay,

156

méiyǒu suǒwèi de yīxiē fúli dàiyù

没有所谓的一些福利待遇

or any other benefits.

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Zuìjìn gōngzuò zhuàngtài zěnmeyàng?

最近工作状态怎么样?

How has your work been lately?

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Bù zěnmeyàng

不怎么样

Not great.

159

wǒ jùtǐ lái shuō zhège shìqíng ba

我具体来说这个事情吧

Let me give you an example.

160

jiùshì jiēdào yī gè xīn de xiàngmù

就是接到一个新的项目

I was assigned a new project that

161

ránhòu zhège xiàngmù wǒ wánquán bùhuì

然后这个项目我完全不会

I had no idea how to do

162

érqiě zhège xiàngmù de yāoqiú de shíjiān hěn duǎn,

而且这个项目的要求的时间很短,

and the deadline for this project was extremely tight.

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jiù méibànfa fēiyào ràng nǐ zuò, gōngsī jiù fēiyào ràng nǐ zuò

就没办法非要让你做，公司就非要让你做

There was no way around it—the company was forcing me to do it.

164

nà zěnmébàn? Nà wǒ néng zěnmébàn?

那怎么办？那我能怎么办？

What could I do? What options did I have?

165

wǒ yào zhèngqián、 wǒ yào chīfàn、 wǒ yào huán fángdài

我要挣钱、我要吃饭、我要还房贷

I need to earn money, I need to put food on the table, and I have a mortgage to pay.

166

nà zěnmébàn? nà jiù zhǐnéng yìngzhētóupí zuò

那怎么办？那就只能硬着头皮做

So what could I do? I had no choice but to grit my teeth and push through.

167

Dāng nǐ jiēdào zhège rènwu de shíhou,

当你接到这个任务的时候，

When you first received this task,

168

nǐ nǎozǐ lǐ dìyī xiǎngfǎ shì shénme?

你脑子里第一想法是什么？

what was your immediate thought?

169

Kàngjù a táobì a

抗拒啊逃避啊

I resisted and tried to not face it.

170

dànshì nǐ zhīdào jiùshì dāng nǐ měitiān...

但是你知道就是当你每天...

But you know, when every month—

171

jiùshì měi gè yuè kěnéng èrhào yào hái nàge fángdài de shíhou,

就是每个月可能二号要还那个房贷的时候，

around the 2nd, when the mortgage payment is due—

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nǐ de nàge xìn xīn jiù yòu shàng lái le
你的那个信心就又上来了
your determination kicks back in.

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bù xíng, wǒ hái shì děi ān wèi zì jǐ
不行，我还是得安慰自己
No, I had to get myself up

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xiǎng jìn bàn fǎ děi bǎ zhè ge shì qing gěi zuò xià lai
想尽办法得把这个事情给做下来
and find a way to get it done, (I said to myself).

175

Yā lì zhuǎn wéi dòng lì le?
压力转为动力了?
So pressure turned into motivation?

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Zhè ge shì yí zhǒng hěn máo dùn de xīn lǐ
这个是一种很矛盾的心理
It's a conflicting feeling.

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jiù shì yí fāng miàn nǐ zì jǐ zhēn de shì
就是一方面你自己真的是
On one hand, I genuinely

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hěn fǎn gǎn gōng sī de zhè zhǒng zuò fǎ,
很反感公司的这种做法,
resent the company's approach—

179

hěn fǎn gǎn zěn me huì yǒu zhè me bù gōng píng de shì qing
很反感怎么会有这么不公平的事情
I dislike how such unfair situations can arise.

180

dàn lìng wài yí fāng miàn nǐ de shēng huó yā lì nà me dà,
但另外一方面你的生活压力那么大,

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But on the other hand, life's pressures are so heavy

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nǐ huì juéde PUA zìjǐ ba

你会觉得 PUA 自己吧

that I ended up gaslighting myself.

182

xiǎng xiǎng bànfǎ zěnmé néng ràng zìjǐ nénggòu xīntài gèng píngwěn de
想办法怎么能让自己能心态更平稳的

I tried to figure out how to stabilize my mindset

183

ràng zhège shìqíng nénggòu shùnlì de tuīdòng xiàqu

让这个事情能够顺利地推动下去

so that I could move forward with this smoothly.

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Fángdài zhàn le nǐ gōngzī de duōshao?

房贷占了你工资的多少?

How much of your salary goes toward the mortgage?

185

Sānfēnzhī yī ba

三分之一吧

About one-third.

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Guǎnggào

广告

(I work) in advertising.

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Nǐ juéde nǐmen zhège hángyè zhè jǐnián zěnmeyàng?

你觉得你们这个行业这几年怎么样?

How do you feel about your industry in recent years?

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Bùzěnmeyàng, jiānghé rìxià

不怎么样, 江河日下

Not good. It's declining.

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yuèlái yuè bùxíng, jíjiāng xiāomiè

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越来越不行，即将消灭

It's getting worse and will soon be eliminated.

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Bùzěnmeyàng tǐxiàn zàinǎr?

不怎么样体现在哪儿?

Where is the "not good" reflected?

191

Tǐxiàn zài wǒ gōngzī shuǐpíng hěn dī

体现在我工资水平很低

It's reflected in my very low salary.

192

Zài zhèbiān cóngshì shénme hángyè de ya?

在这边从事什么行业的呀?

What industry are you in?

193

Jiù xiànzài zànshí méiyǒu gōngzuò,

就现在暂时没有工作,

For now, I don't have a job

194

yīnwèi dài háizi ma | Zhīqián ne?

因为带孩子嘛 | 之前呢?

because I'm looking after my child. | What about before?

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Zhīqián shì zài zuò xiāoshòu yīlèi

之前是在做销售一类

Before, I was in sales.

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Dàgài shénme? | Jiājū lèi de

大概什么? | 家居类的

Roughly what kind... | Home furnishing.

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Gǎnjué nàge hángyè zěnmeyàng?

感觉那个行业怎么样?

How do you feel about that industry?

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Gǎnjué jiùshì hǎoxiàng yīnwèi xiànzài fángzi zhè yīkuài bù tài hǎo le,
感觉就是好像因为现在房子这一块不太好了,
I feel that the bad housing market

199

suǒyǐ wǒmen jiājù láishuō dehuà yě huì shòudào yǐngxiǎng
所以我们家具来说的话也会受到影响
has also affected the furniture business.

200

suǒyǐ jiùshì yèjì shàngmiàn jiù zuò de jiù bù tài lǐxiǎng
所以就是业绩上面就做得就不太理想
So my sales performance was not very good,

201

ránhòu yòu shēng hái zi ma dài hái zi ma
然后又生孩子嘛带孩子嘛
and since I gave birth and had to take care of my child,

202

ránhòu jiù méiyǒu zài gōngzuò
然后就没有再工作
I quit my job.

203

Nín xiànzài cóngshì shénme hángyè ne? | Yīliáo
您现在从事什么行业呢? | 医疗
What industry are you in? | Medical.

204

Wǒmen zuò zhège yīnggāi jiào hé yào,
我们做这个应该叫核药,
What we do should be called nuclear medicine,

205

jiùshì fàngshèxìng yàowù
就是放射性药物
which is radioactive drugs.

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Ránhòu zhège dōngxī tā bǐjiào fùzá,
然后这个东西它比较复杂,
This is a little complicated.

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tā shíjìshàng shì yī gè yīliáo xiàngmù,
它实际上是一个医疗项目,
It is actually a medical project,

208

zhēnduì yú zhǒngliú mò duān de
针对于肿瘤末端的
targeting terminal tumors (final stage of a cancer).

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Zhègè hángyè cóngshì le duōshao nián?
这个行业从事了多少年?
How many years have you been in this industry?

210

Yāo bā nián dào xiànzài | Yě shì mǎn jiǔ de le
一八年到现在 | 也是蛮久的了
From 2018 until now. | That's quite a long time.

211

Xiāngbǐ yāo bā nián, xiànzài zhèzhǒng hángyè de qíngkuàng...
相比一八年，现在这种行业的情况...
How is the situation in this industry now compared to 2018?

212

Bǐ yǐqián yào shāowēi hǎo yīdiǎn ma,
比以前要稍微好一点嘛,
It's a little better than before,

213

yīnwèi zhèngcè zài zhúbù zhúbù fàngkāi ba
因为政策在逐步逐步放开吧
because policies are gradually being liberalized.

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Wǒmen shì zuò guójì jiàoyù hái yǒu yǐjī
我们是做国际教育还有以及
We do international education,

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Xiānggǎng fāngmiàn de yī gè zé xiào hé bèikǎo de
香港方面的一个择校和备考的

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school selection and exam preparation for (students who want to study in) Hong Kong.

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Ránhòu yīnwèi xiànzài yī gè zhèngcè de zhīchí dehuà,
然后因为现在一个政策的支持的话,
Because of the current policy support,

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qíshí zhěngtǐ hái shì... shēngyì hái shì hěn hǎo
其实整体还是... 生意还是很好
the overall business is still very good.

218

Wǒ zhīqián shì zài yī jiā kuàijìng diànshāng gōngsī zuò HR de
我之前是在一家跨境电商公司做 HR 的
I was previously in HR in an international e-commerce company,

219

ránhòu wǒ jīnglì le cái yuán
然后我经历了裁员
and then I got laid off.

220

Jiù mùqián dehuà jiùshì zhǔyào shì zuò... jiùshì xiūxi
就目前的话就是主要是做... 就是休息
Currently, I'm mainly doing... well, resting.

221

Ránhòu xiǎng zìjǐ zhǎo yīxiē zìyóuzhíyè de yīxiē gōngzuò
然后想自己找一些自由职业的一些工作
I want to find some freelance work.

222

bǐrúshuō yīxiē xiànshàng de a huòzhě zìméitǐ a
比如说一些线上的啊或者自媒体啊
For example, some online jobs, creating content online

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huòzhě shuō xiān zài běndì zhǎo yīxiē jiānrzhí jiùshì liǎojiě yīxià qíngkuàng
或者说先在本地找一些兼职就是了解一下情况
or first find some part-time jobs locally to see how it goes.

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Shénmeshíhou bèi cái diào de a?

什么时候被裁掉的啊?

When were you laid off?

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Jiǔ yuèdǐ | Wèishénme ne?

九月底 | 为什么呢?

End of September. | Why?

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Yīnwèi huàn le yī gè lǐngdǎo

因为换了一个领导

Because there was a change in leadership.

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Nàgè lǐngdǎo jiùshì tā de fēnggé jiùshì huì bǎ lǎo yuángōng cái diào

那个领导就是他的风格就是会把老员工裁掉

That leader's style is to lay off older employees,

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ránhòu qù zhāo xīn yuángōng

然后去招新员工

and then hire younger ones.

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Jiù gēn wǒ tóngyī pī hébìng dào tā bùmén de rén yǒu liǎng gè rén,

就跟我同一批合并到他部门的人有两个人,

There were two people who were merged into his department at the same time as me

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liǎng gè rén dōu bèi cái le.

两个人都被裁了。

and both were laid off.

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Tā wèishénme yào cái diào lǎo yuángōng?

他为什么要裁掉老员工?

Why did he lay off the older employees?

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Jiùshì kěnéng tā gèrén de fēnggé ba

就是可能他个人的风格吧

Perhaps it's his personal style,

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yīnwèi tā de tuánduì jīběnshàng dōu shì nàzhǒng gāng bìyè de
因为他的团队基本上都是那种刚毕业的
because his team now basically consist of all recent graduates.

234

Jiùshì qíshí gāng bìyè de xīnrén tā shì kěsùxìng bǐjiào qiáng,
就是其实刚毕业的新人他是可塑性比较强,
New graduates are more moldable,

235

tā jiù xiāngdāng yú shì zhāng bái zhǐ bǐjiào fúcóng xìng
他就相当于是张白纸比较服从性
they are like a blank slate and are more obedient.

236

Dànshì xiàng wǒ zhèzhǒng zài yī jiā gōngsī yǐjīng dāi le jǐ nián le
但是像我这种在一家公司已经待了几年了
But people like me who have been with the company for a few years,

237

jiùshì yǐjīng... tā kěnéng huì juéde bùhǎo guǎnlǐ
就是已经... 他可能会觉得不好管理
are already... He might feel we are difficult to manage.

238

Zhè shì wǒ de yī gè jiànjiě
这是我的一个见解
This is my personal opinion.

239

Ránhòu kěnéng dì'èr gè jiùshì chéngběn
然后可能第二个就是成本
The second reason is perhaps cost.

240

Yīnwèi wǒ jīngyàn bǐjiào tāmen fēngfù yīdiǎn
因为我经验比较他们丰富一点
Because I have more experience,

241

wǒ de xīnzī huì bǐ xīnrén gāo gè jǐqiān kuài qián
我的薪资会比新人高个几千块钱
my salary is a few thousand yuan higher than a newcomer's.

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Jiù kěnéng cóng fú cóng xìng hái yǒu shuō chéngběn de jiǎodù
就可能从服从性还有说成本的角度

So maybe from the consideration of obedience and cost,

243

tā jiù xuǎnzé huì cáiyuán

他就选择会裁员

he chose to lay off (more experienced workers).

244

Nà nǐmen gōngsī shì zuò shénmede?

那你们公司是做什么的?

What does your company do?

245

Kuàijìng diànshāng

跨境电商

International e-commerce.

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Zhège yīnggāi bù suànshì xīyángchǎnyè le ba?

这个应该不算是夕阳产业了吧?

This isn't a declining industry, right?

247

Bùsuàn, dànshì hěn juǎn

不算，但是很卷

No, but it's highly competitive.

248

Jiùshì xiànzài rén tài duō le, suǒyǐ shénme hángyè dōu hěn juǎn

就是现在人太多了，所以什么行业都很卷

There are too many people now, so every industry is very competitive.

249

Jiùshì tóngháng zhījiān huì ègǎo nǐ,

就是同行之间会恶搞你，

Competitors will maliciously damage your (reputation),

250

qù bǎ nǐ de chǎnpǐn èyì de dǎ dīfēn huòzhě èyì jǔbào nǐ

去把你的产品恶意的打低分或者恶意举报你

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by giving your products low rating or maliciously reporting you.

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suǒyǐ hái shì tǐng nán zuò de

所以还是挺难做的

So it's quite difficult now.

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Nǐmen xiànzài xué shénme zhuānyè?

你们现在学什么专业?

What are you two majoring in?

253

Wǒmen shì jīnróng de

我们是金融的

We major in finance.

254

Xiàng nǐmen zhège zhuānyè wèilái de gōngzuò fāngxiàng

像你们这个专业未来的工作方向

What are the future job direction

255

shì zěnmeyàng de ne?

是怎么样的呢?

for your major?

256

Yībān shì zhèngquàngōngsī huòzhě shì yínháng

一般是证券公司或者是银行

Generally, securities companies or banks.

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Nǐ juéde wèilái zhège zhǎo gōngzuò de qiánjǐng huì zěnmeyàng?

你觉得未来这个找工作的前景会怎么样?

What do you think your future job prospects will be?

258

Hěn nán, qiánjǐtiān kàn tāmen qiū zhāo de nàxiē,

很难, 前几天看他们秋招的那些,

Very difficult. I saw their autumn recruitment a few days ago,

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yánjiūshēng dōu hěn nán yǒu gǎngwèi

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研究生都很难有岗位

even postgraduate students are finding it hard to get jobs.

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Nàme duō rén jìngzhēng yī gè gǎngwèi, suǒyǐ gǎnjué huì hěn nán

那么多人竞争一个岗位，所以感觉会很难

So many people are competing for one job position, so I feel it will be difficult.

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Yīnwèi xiànzài qíshí hǎoxiàng yě yǒu hěn duō dàxuésheng

因为现在其实好像也有很多大学生

There are actually many university students

262

huì xuǎnzé kǎoyán, shì ma?

会选择考研，是吗？

who pursue postgraduate studies, right?

263

Jiùshì wèile yánhuǎn zhège zhǎo gōngzuò de... | Duì

就是为了延缓这个找工作的... | 对

They do it to postpone the need to look for a job... | Yes.

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Nǐmen huì kǎolù ma? | Huì kǎolù a

你们会考虑吗？ | 会考虑啊

Will you consider it? | We will.

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Dànshì qíshí mùqián láikàn gǎnjué yě yǒuyīdiǎn xuélì biǎnzhí

但是其实目前来看感觉也有一点学历贬值

But actually, currently, it feels like academic qualifications are also depreciating a little.

266

Jiùshì érqǐ qíshí rúguǒshuō běnkē yě zhǎobudào gōngzuò,

就是而且其实如果说本科也找不到工作，

In fact, if you can't find a job with a bachelor's degree,

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yánjiūshēng yě zhǎobudào gōngzuò,

研究生也找不到工作，

or a master's degree,

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nà bùrú běnkē chūlái duō zuò yīxiē gōngzuò jīlěi jīngyàn,
那不如本科出来多做一些工作积累经验,
then it's better to leave with a bachelor's degree and accumulate more work
experience.

269

kěnéng jīngyàn huì bǐ xuélì gèng zhíqián yě shuōbùdìng
可能经验会比学历更值钱也说不定
Maybe experience will be more valuable than academic qualifications.

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Jiùshì dàshùjù yǔ kuàijì
就是大数据与会计
(I major in) Big Data and Accounting.

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Dàshùjù kuàijì gēn chuántǒng de kuàijì yǒu qūbié ma?
大数据会计跟传统的会计有区别吗?
Is there a difference between Big Data Accounting and traditional accounting?

272

Jiù yǐqián kuàijì kěnéng shì shūběn jiù bǐjiào duō yīdiǎn,
就以前会计可能是书本就比较多一点,
Traditional accounting might involve more books,

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ránhòu xiànzài wǒmen dàbùfen dōu shícao,
然后现在我们大部分都实操,
but now most of what we do is practical operations,

274

ránhòu jiùshì diànnǎo cāozuò shénmede
然后就是电脑操作什么的
and computer operations.

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Jiùshì xiànzài dàjiā qíshí hěn duō dàxuéshēng dōu yǒu zhège jiāolǜ,
就是现在大家其实很多大学生都有这个焦虑,
Many university students actually worry that

276

jiùshìshuō bìyè zhīhòu zhǎo gōngzuò nán zhè jiàn shìqing,
就是说毕业之后找工作难这件事情,

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it will be difficult to find a job after graduation.

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nǐ yǒu tīngshuō guo ba?

你有听说过吧?

Have you heard of this?

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En, wǒ yě gǎnjué tǐng nán de ba qíshí

嗯, 我也感觉挺难的吧其实

Yes, I also feel it will be quite difficult.

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Huì duì wèilái yǒu zhèyàng de dānyōu ma?

会对未来有这样的担忧吗?

Do you have such worries about the future?

280

Yǒu a, dànshì wǒmen zhège zhuānyè kěnéng jiùshì yào kǎozhèng

有啊, 但是我们这个专业可能就是要考证

Yes, but our major might require us to take professional exams.

281

Ránhòu wǒ juéde yīnggāi jiùshì tíshēng xuélì ba,

然后我觉得应该就是提升学历吧,

And I think we should just upgrade our academic qualifications,

282

ránhòu nǐ yào jīlěi gōngzuò jīngyàn

然后你要积累工作经验

and accumulate work experience.

283

Jiùshì rúguǒ yī kāishǐ hěn nán dehuà, nǐ jiù yāoqiú bù yào tài gāo,

就是如果一开始很难的话, 你就要求不要太高,

If it's difficult at the beginning, you shouldn't set your expectations too high,

284

ránhòu duō qù jīlěi gōngzuò jīngyàn,

然后多去积累工作经验,

instead, you should accumulate more work experience

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hòumian dehuà jiùshì nǐ zhǎo gōngzuò yě huì xiāngduì róngyì yīdiǎn

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后面的话就是你找工作也会相对容易一点
so that it might be easier to find a job later.

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Běnkē shì huánjìng shèjì

本科是环境设计

My bachelor's degree is in Environmental Design,

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yánjiūshēng yě shì shèjì dàn zhuǎn dào le jǐngguān

研究生也是设计但转到了景观

and my graduate's degree is also in design, but I switched to Landscape Architecture.

288

Zhègè hángyè jiùshì chūlái zhǎo gōngzuò,

这个行业就是出来找工作,

What kind of jobs do people generally look for

289

yībān jiùshì zhǎo shénmeyàng de fāngxiàng ne?

一般就是找什么样的方向呢?

after graduating with this (major)?

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Qíshí jīběnshàng dìchǎn hángyè

其实基本上地产行业

Working in real estate

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huòzhě shì shèjì yuàn dōu shì bǐjiào duō de

或者是设计院都是比较多的

or design institutes are relatively common.

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Jiù zhěngtǐ de zhèzhǒng hǎoxiàng dàxuéshēng zhǎo gōngzuò nán

就整体的这种好像大学生找工作难

It seems like the overall difficulty for university students to find jobs

293

dōu yǐjīng shì dàjiā dōu zài tāolùn de yī gè huàtí le

都已经是大家都在讨论的一个话题了

has become a topic everyone is discussing now.

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Zhègè wèntí wǒ xiǎng yīnggāi shì yǒu de

这个问题我想应该是有的

Yes, and I think we do have this issue.

295

Yīnwèi jù wǒ liǎojiě jiù bǐrúshuō wǒ de shàng yī jiè,

因为据我了解就比如说我的上一届,

From what I understand, for example, many of those in the year before me,

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tāmen yǒu hěn duō jiùshì gōngzuò le chàbùduō yī nián zhīhòu

他们有很多就是工作了差不多一年之后

were "hung upside down" by the company

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huì bèi gōngsī dàoguà,

会被公司倒挂,

after working for about a year,

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Bǐrúshuō bèipò cízhí zhèzhǒng qíngkuàng

比如说被迫辞职这种情况

which resulted in people being forced to resign.

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Dàn wǒmen zhè jiè wǒ suǒ zhīdào de shì

但我们这届我所知道的是

But for students who graduated the same year as me, what I know is

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hěn duō bǐrú qù dāng lǎoshī qù dāng dàxué de fǔdǎoyuán

很多比如去当老师去当大学的辅导员

many, for example, became teachers, university counselors,

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huòzhě shì dàzhuān de jiǎngshī,

或者是大专的讲师,

or lecturers at vocational colleges,

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ránhòu yě yǒu dào yīxiē sīqǐ gōngzuò de dōu tǐng duō de

然后也有到一些私企工作的都挺多的

and quite a few also work in private companies.

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Mùqián hái méiyǒu tīngdào tāmen shuō shéi bèi cáiyuán le

目前还没有听到他们说谁被裁员了

I haven't heard of anyone being laid off

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huòzhě shuō yīxiē qíngkuàng

或者说一些情况

or any similar situation yet.

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Nà xīnzī qíngkuàng jiùshì xiāngbǐ yǐqián shì yǒu gèng dī le ma?

那薪资情况就是相比以前是有更低了吗?

Has the salary situation become less, compared to before?

306

Qíshí wǒ juéde xīnzī fāngmiàn

其实我觉得薪资方面

Actually, I think the salary

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gēn wǒmen běnkē bìyè de shíhou chàbùduō

跟我们本科毕业的时候差不多

is the same as a few years ago (it didn't go up).

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Jiùshì dāng nǐ qīdài nǐ yánjiūshēng bìyè

就是当你期待你研究生毕业

You expect to find a better job

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néng zhǎodào yī gè gèng hǎo de gōngzuò de shíhou

能找到一个更好的工作的时候

with a graduate's degree,

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nǐ huí guòtóu kàndào le nǐ běnkē bìyè de nà pī xuésheng

你回过头看到了你本科毕业的那批学生

but when you look at students who graduated with a bachelor's degree,

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nǐ fāxiàn zhè dú le sān nián

你发现这读了三年

you will find that studying for three more years (getting a graduate degree)

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hǎoxiàng yě méiyǒu shénme yòng
好像也没有什么用
is useless.

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Nà nǐ xiànzài shì dàxuéshēng háishì yǐjīng cānjiā gōngzuò le?
那你现在是大学生还是已经参加工作了?
Are you a university student or have you started working?

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Wǒ xiànzài shì dàxuéshēng
我现在是大学生
I am a university student.

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Xué de shénme zhuānyè ne?
学的什么专业呢?
What is your major?

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Xué de shì xiūxián fúwù yǔ guǎnlǐ
学的是休闲服务与管理
My major is Leisure Service and Management.

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Tā de dàlèi shì lǚyóu, dànshì wǒmen suǒ xué de nèiróng shì tǐyù
它的大类是旅游，但是我们所学的内容是体育
The broad category is Tourism, but the content we study is Sports.

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Nà chūlái shì kěyǐ cóngshì shénme fāngmiàn de gōngzuò?
那出来是可以从事什么方面的工作?
What kind of jobs can you do after graduation?

319

Jiàoliàn fāngmiàn de gōngzuò huòzhě shì jiào péi
教练方面的工作或者是教培
Coaching or training.

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Jiù jiāo yùndòng de? | Duì
就教运动的? | 对

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Teaching sports? | Yes.

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Nà jiùshì nǐ xiànzài yě kāishǐ miànlín zhǎo gōngzuò le | Shì de

那就是你现在也开始面临找工作了 | 是的

So you will start looking for a job too. | Yes.

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Nǐ juéde xiànzài duìyú dàxuéshēng láishuō

你觉得现在对于大学生来说

What do you think the employment situation is

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jiùyè huánjìng zěnmeyàng ne?

就业环境怎么样呢?

for university students now?

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Wǒ juéde bùzěnmě hǎo

我觉得不怎么好

I don't think it's very good.

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Yīnwèi xiànzài rén yuèláiyuè duō le ma,

因为现在人越来越多了嘛,

There are more people

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ránhòu dàxuéshēng yě yuèláiyuè duō

然后大学生也越来越多

and university students now (who are looking for jobs),

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Jiùshì chūxiàn le yī gè rénshù hé gōngzuò gǎngwèi

就是出现了一个人数和工作岗位

and there is a mismatch of the number of jobs available

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bù duìděng de yī gè qíngkuàng

不对等的一个情况

and the number of people (who are looking for jobs).

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Suǒyǐ ne xiànzài zhǎo gōngzuò xiāngduì bǐjiào kùnnan

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所以呢现在找工作相对比较困难
So, finding a job is quite difficult now.

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Nǐ zuìjìn yǒu qù zhǎo gōngzuò ma?
你最近有去找工作吗?
Have you been looking for a job recently?

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Yǒu de, wǒ zuìjìn yǒu zài zhǎo jiǔdiàn fāngmiàn de gōngzuò
有的, 我最近有在找酒店方面的工作
Yes, I have been looking for jobs in the hotel industry recently.

332

Jiù bǐrúshuō wǒ qiánjǐtiān miànshì le Shànghǎi de jǐ jiā jiǔdiàn,
就比如说我前几天面试了上海的几家酒店,
For example, I interviewed at a few hotels in Shanghai a few days ago,

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tāmen gěi dào wǒmen de yī gè xīnzī dài yù
他们给到我们一个薪资待遇
and the salary they offered

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shì liǎng qiān wǔ yī gè yuè rán hòu bāo chī zhù
是两千五一个月然后包吃住
was 2,500 yuan (\$352) per month, including food and accommodation.

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Dànshì wǒ juéde liǎng qiān wǔ yào zài Shànghǎi | Zài Shànghǎi?
但是我觉得两千五要在上海 | 在上海?
But I think 2,500 yuan in Shanghai... | In Shanghai?

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Duì, zài Shànghǎi shēnghuó de huà huì xiāngduì bǐjiào kùnnán
对, 在上海生活的话会相对比较困难
Yes, it will be difficult to live in Shanghai with 2,500 yuan.

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Shénmeyàng de gǎngwèi ne?
什么样的岗位呢?
What kind of position?

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Kèfángfúwù, háiyǒu yī gè cānyǐn fúwù

客房服务，还有一个餐饮服务

Room service, and also catering service.

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Shì shíxísheng de gōngzuò? | Duì, shíxísheng de gōngzuò

是实习生的工作? | 对，实习生的工作

Is it an internship position? | Yes.

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Jiùshì néng miáoshù xià nǐ miànshì de qíngkuàng,

就是能描述下你面试的情况，

Can you describe what your interviews were like?

341

bǐrúshuō miànshì guān duìyú nǐmen de yāoqiú

比如说面试官对于你们的要求

For example, what the interviewers required from you?

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Jiùshì tā xiān... shǒuxiān ràng nǐ jièshào yīxià zìjǐ

就是他先... 首先让你介绍一下自己

Well, first they ask you to introduce yourself.

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miànshì guān shǒuxiān yào kàndào nǐ zìxìn de yī gè tàidu ma

面试官首先要看到你自信的一个态度嘛

The interviewer first needs to see if you are confident,

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ránhòu tīng yīxià nǐ de tánǔ hái yǒu nǐ duì zhè fèn gōngzuò de lǐjiě

然后听一下你的谈吐还有你对这份工作的理解

and listen to your manner of speaking and your understanding of the job.

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Nǐ shìfǒu nénggòu jiēshòu jiābān?

你是否能够接受加班?

"Can you accept working overtime?"

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Zhège shì Zhōngguó zuì cháng wèn dào de wèntí

这个是中国最常问到的问题

is the most common question asked in China.

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Jiābān yǒu gōngzī ma?

加班有工资吗?

Is there pay for overtime?

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No! Wúcháng jiābān

No! 无偿加班

No! Unpaid overtime.

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Nǐ néng jiēshòu ma? | Bùnéng jiēshòu

你能接受吗? | 不能接受

Can you accept it? | No, I can't!

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Dàn nǐ juéde xiànzài néng zhǎozháo

但你觉得现在能找着

But do you think you can find a job

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zhèzhǒng bù jiābān de gōngzuò ma?

这种不加班的工作吗?

that doesn't require overtime work?

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Wǒ juéde zhǎobudào

我觉得找不到

I don't think I can find it.

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Wǒ juéde jiùsuàn nǐ zhǎodào zhèzhǒng

我觉得就算你找到这种

I think even if you find a job

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bù jiābān de gōngzuò, shuāng xiū de gōngzuò

不加班的工作, 双休的工作

without working overtime and with weekends off,

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Dànshì tā... jiùshì tā de gōngzī yě bùhuì hěn gāo

但是它... 就是它的工资也不会很高

the salary won't be very high.

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Nǐ xiànzài shì dàxuéshēng, shì ba?

你现在是大学生，是吧？

You are a university student now, right?

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Dà jǐ le? | Duì, wǒ dà sì le

大几了？ | 对，我大四了

What year are you in? | Yes, I am in my fourth year.

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Dú shénme zhuānyè de ne?

读什么专业的呢？

What is your major?

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Wǒ shì shīfàn zhuānyè de

我是师范专业的

I am a college student (majoring in education).

360

Nà wèilái shì yào dāng lǎoshī de? | Duì duì duì

那未来是要当老师的？ | 对对对

So you will be a teacher in the future? | Yes.

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Ránhòu wǒmen zuìjìn yě yǒu zhāopìn huì ma

然后我们最近也有招聘会嘛

We had job fairs recently

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ránhòu wǒ qù cānjiā guo miànshì zhèxiē

然后我去参加过面试这些

and I participated in interviews there.

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Jiùshì hěn míngxiǎn de jiùshì lǐxiǎng de gǎngwèi hěn shǎo le

就是很明显的就是理想的岗位很少了

It's very obvious that there are very few ideal positions.

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Bǐrúshuō hěn duō rén dōu xiǎng qù yīxiàn chéngshì a

比如说很多人都想去一线城市啊

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For example, many people want to go to first-tier

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huòzhě shì èr xiàn chéngshì

或者是二线城市

or second-tier cities,

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Dànshì nàxiē lái zhāo de gǎngwèi hěn shǎo

但是那些来招的岗位很少

but there are few positions offered there,

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huòzhě jiùshì yāoqiú fēicháng gāo

或者就是要求非常高

or the requirements are very high.

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Bǐrúshuō wǒ xiànzài shì běnkē xuélì ma

比如说我现在是本科学历嘛

For example, I currently have a bachelor's degree,

369

nàme tā yībān yāoqiú jiù huì yánjiūshēng a zhèzhǒng

那么它一般要求就会研究生啊这种

so they generally require a master's degree.

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Nà wǒmen jiù qù bùdào

那我们就去不到

Thus, we weren't qualified (for the job).

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Nàme shèngxià de yīxiē gǎngwèi

那么剩下的一些岗位

The remaining job positions

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jiùshì bǐjiào jīngjì méiyǒu nàme fādá de dìfang

就是比较经济没有那么发达的地方

are in places where the economy is not as developed,

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bǐrú yīxiē xiànchéng hé xiāngzhèn

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比如一些县城和乡镇

for example, some counties or towns.

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Nàme tā duìyìng de yī gè xīnzī, gōngzī yě shì bǐjiào dī de

那么它对应的一个薪资，工资也是比较低的

So, the salary will be low accordingly.

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Suǒyǐ jiùshì yǒushíhou dàjiā dōu zài xiǎng

所以就是有时候大家都在想

That's why people sometimes wonder

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wǒ dàodǐ shì zuò wǒ zhuānyè xiāngguān de gōngzuò ne

我到底是做我专业相关的工作呢

whether they should try to get a job related to their major,

377

háishi shuō wǒ qù zhuīqiú yī gè xīnzī gèng gāo de gōngzuò

还是说我去追求一个薪资更高的工作

or simply pursue a higher-paying job.

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Nǐ qù yìngpìn de zhèxiē gōngzuò xīnzī shuǐpíng

你去应聘的这些工作薪资水平

What is the salary level of the jobs

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dàgài shì shénmeyàng de?

大概是什么样的?

you applied for?

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Yīnwèi wǒ xiànzài yìngpìn de dōu shì zài Guǎngxī zhèbiān de,

因为我现在应聘的都是在广西这边的,

Since the jobs I applied for are all in Guangxi,

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nà jiùshì sān qiān zuǒyòu

那就是三千左右

it's about 3,000 yuan (\$422).

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Nǐ juéde shì pǐpèi zhège gōngzuò de ma zhège gōngzī

你觉得是匹配这个工作的吗这个工资

Do you think this salary matches the job?

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Zài Guǎngxī láishuō shì shǔyú bǐjiào zhèngcháng de yī gè xīnzī shuǐpíng

在广西来说是属于比较正常的一次薪资水平

In Guangxi, this kind of salary is relatively normal,

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Dànshì bùshì wǒ lǐxiǎng de

但是不是我理想的

but it is not ideal for me.

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Dāngxià de zhèzhǒng jīngjìqíngkuàng

当下的这种经济情况

Will the current economy

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huì yǐngxiǎng nǐ rénshēng de qítā fāngmiàn xuǎnzé ma?

会影响你人生的其他方面选择吗?

affect your choices in other aspects of life?

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Bǐrúshuō mǎifáng ya hūnyīn a hái zi zhèxiē

比如说买房呀婚姻啊孩子这些

For example, buying a house, marriage, or children?

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Huì, bùxiǎng jiéhūn bùxiǎng shēng hái

会，不想结婚不想生孩

Yes, I don't want to get married or have children.

389

Jiù méi bìyào qù ràng rénjiā chéngshòu yī gè

就没必要去让人家承受一个

There's no need to make someone endure

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líng líng qī de lǎogong huòzhě shì bàba

零零七的老公或者是爸爸

a husband or a father who works 007.

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Nà zhèzhǒng bùtài hǎo de huánjìng xià duì nǐ gèrén...

那这种不太好的环境下对你个人...

Will this less-than-ideal environment affect your personal...

392

Huì yǐngxiǎng nǐ gèrén de yīxiē juéding ma?

会影响你个人的一些决定吗?

Will it influence some of your personal decisions?

393

Wǒ juéde huì

我觉得会

I think so.

394

Zài yǐqián wǒ gēn wǒ mā tāmen xiǎng de chàbuduō

在以前我跟我妈他们想的差不多

Before, my mother and I had the same idea

395

Qù bǎ qián cún qilai ránhòu zěnmē zěnmē yǐhòu huā ya

去把钱存起来然后怎么怎么以后花呀

about saving money for the future.

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Āi, nǐ zhège niánlíng hái huì cúncián?

哎，你这个年龄还会存钱?

People your age actually save money?

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Nà xiànzài bù le

那现在不了

Not anymore!

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Xiànzài wǒ fā le gōngzī zhǐ xiǎng qù xǐ jiǎo

现在我发了工资只想去洗脚

Now, after I get paid, I just want to go get a foot massage.

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Nǐmen zhīdào ma, Dhéngdū xǐ jiǎo

你们知道吗，成都洗脚

Do you know about foot massages in Chengdu?

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Wǒ zhǐ xiǎng qù ànmó, wǒ zhǐ xiǎng qù spa, wǒ yào qù...

我只想去按摩、我只想去 SPA, 我要去...

I just want a massage, a SPA, or to go to...

401

Xiǎngshòu | Duì, xiǎngshòu

享受 | 对, 享受

To enjoy (life)? | Yes.

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Yīnwèi wǒ xiǎng wǒ xiànzài cái èrshí èr suì,

因为我想我现在才二十二岁,

My thinking is that since I am only 22,

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wǒ bànmā xiànzài bù xūyào wǒ yǎng

我爸妈现在不需要我养

and my parents don't need me to support them yet,

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Wǒ xiànzài bù qù wán, bù chūqù lǚyóu

我现在不去玩, 不出去旅游

If I don't go out and travel now,

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nà wǒ niánjì dà le, nà wǒ yǒu zìjǐ diē mā yào yǎng

那我年纪大了, 那我有自己爹妈要养

when I get older, I will have my own parents to support,

406

shuōbùdìng yǐhòu huì jiéhūn,

说不定以后会结婚,

maybe I will get married later,...

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dàn xiànzài zhìshǎo méiyǒu zhège xiǎngfǎ

但现在至少没有这个想法

At least now, I don't want to (marry).

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Yǒu zìjǐ de háiizi yào yǎng, ránhòu yòu zěnmeyàng

有自己的孩子要养, 然后又怎么怎么样

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I'll have my own children to raise, and other responsibilities.

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Yǒu zìjǐ de shēnghuó, érqiě niánjì dà le shēntǐ yě bùxíng le

有自己的生活，而且年纪大了身体也不行了

I'll have my own life, and when I'm older, my body won't be as good.

410

Nà wèishénme bù chèn xiànzài niánqīng

那为什么不趁现在年轻

So why not take advantage of being young now,

411

yǒu shíjiān yǒu jīnglì qù xiǎngshòu zhège shìjiè, qù qǔyuè zìjǐ?

有时间有精力去享受这个世界，去取悦自己？

having the time and energy to enjoy the world, and to please myself?

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Nǐ juéde zhèzhǒng jīngjìqíngkuàng huì yǐngxiǎng niánqīng rén duì yú wèilái

你觉得这种经济情况会影响年轻人对于未来

Do you think the current economy will affect young people's choices regarding the future,

413

bǐrúshuō zǒurù hūnyīn shēngyù děngděng de zhèyàng de juézé ma?

比如说走入婚姻生育等等的这样的抉择吗？

such as marriage, having children, and so on?

414

Kěndìng a, wǒ méi qián wǒ zěnme jiéhūn?

肯定啊，我没钱我怎么结婚？

Definitely. How can I get married if I have no money?

415

Méi qián wǒ zěnme shēng hái zi ya?

没钱我怎么生孩子呀？

How can I have children if I have no money?

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Rúguǒ shēng hái zi zhè yīdài de jiàoyù guānniàn

如果生孩子这一代的教育观念

Even when people of my generation do decide to have kids, our way of educating them

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yǐjīng bùshì shuō wǒ yào qù jīwá le
已经不是说我要去鸡娃了
will not be about pressuring them (to excel),

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érshì wǒ rúhé nénggòu jī zìjǐ
而是我如何能够鸡自己
instead, we might pressure ourselves

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gěi háizi yī gè liánghǎo de shēnghuó tiáojiàn
给孩子一个良好的生活条件
to provide them with a good financial situation.

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Rúguǒ tā shēng xiàlai zhùdìng le yào qù pīnbó,
如果他生下来注定了要去拼搏,
If they are born destined to struggle,

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xiàng xiànzài wǒ yīyàng zài shèhuì shàng qù áo sǐ
像现在我一样在社会上去熬死
to work themselves to death in society like I am doing now,

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qù yòng shēntǐ huànqián
去用身体换钱
to exchange their health

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yòng zhèzhǒng shēngmìnglì qù huànqián
用这种生命力去换钱
or life for money,

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nà nǐ kěnéng bùhuì yuànyì nǐ de háizi guò zhèyàng de shēnghuó
那你可能不会愿意你的孩子过这样的生活
then I might not want to have children who will live that way.

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Nà shénmeyàng de rén shìhé yào háizi ne?
那什么样的人适合要孩子呢?
In that case, what kind of people are suitable to have children?

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Yǒuqián de rén

有钱的人

Rich people!

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Yǒuqián de rén zhēnde gāi duō shēng

有钱的人真的该多生

Rich people really should have more children.

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Jiù kěnéng shì dàjiā de yīxiē xiāofèi ba, jiùshì yīzhí zài xiāofèi jiàngjí

就可能是大家的一些消费吧，就是一直在消费降级

People have started to lower their consumption, (meaning spending less).

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Xiàng wǒ běnrén, wǒ kěnéng xuésheng shídài de shíhou,

像我本人，我可能学生时代的时候，

Take myself, for example. When I was a student,

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suīrán nàge shēnghuófèi méiyǒu wǒ xiànzài gōngzī gāo,

虽然那个生活费没有我现在工资高，

although my living allowance was not as high as my current salary,

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dàn wǒ zhīqián huā de háishi bǐjiào xiāosǎ.

但我之前花得还是比较潇洒。

I still spent quite freely back then.

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Dàn xiànzài wǒ dōu shì hěn kōumén le, jiùshì...

但现在我都是很抠门了，就是...

But now I am very stingy. I mean...

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Jiù kěnéng huāxiāo hái bùdào

就可能花销还不到

My spending might be less than

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wǒ yǐqián xuésheng shídài de yībàn nàzhǒng gǎnjué

我以前学生时代的一半那种感觉

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half of what it was when I was a student.

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Jiùshì xiǎngyào duō cún diǎn qián

就是想要多存点钱

Now, I just want to save money.

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Jiùshì wèilái gǎnjué háishi shēngcún jiāolǜ huì bǐjiào dà yīxiē.

就是未来感觉还是生存焦虑会比较大一些。

I feel that in the future, survival pressure will be greater.

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Hǎoxiàng wǒ juéde nǐ shuō yǐngxiǎng le,

好像我觉得你说影响了,

You said that (the bad economy) has impacted (people),

438

dàn nǐ kàn zhège guóqìng fàngjià de shíhou hái nàme duō rén chūlái wán

但你看这个国庆放假的时候还那么多人出来玩

but look at how many people are out enjoying themselves during the National Day holiday.

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Wǒ juéde yě hǎoxiàng yǐngxiǎng bùdà

我觉得也好像影响不大

It seems that the impact isn't that big.

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Jiù shēnbiān yǒuméiyǒu rén huì bàoyuàn

就身边有没有人会抱怨

Are there people around you who complain

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hǎoxiàng qián bùhǎo zhèng le ya?

好像钱不好挣了呀?

that money is hard to earn?

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Yǒu, dànshì dàjiā bàoyuàn guī bàoyuàn,

有, 但是大家抱怨归抱怨,

Yes, they complain,

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dànshì gāi wán de hái děi wán
但是该玩的还得玩
but they still go out and (spend money).

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Gāi huā huā shì ba?
该花花是吧?
They still spend money, right?

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Duì, gāi huā hái děi huā
对，该花还得花
Yes, they still spend money.

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Wǒ de hěn duō péngyou yǐqián huāqián dàshǒudàjiǎo, bāokuò wǒ ba
我的很多朋友以前花钱大手大脚，包括我吧
Many of my friends used to be big spenders, including myself.

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Xiànzài qíshí yìqíng guòhòu dehuà,
现在其实疫情过后的话，
Actually, after the pandemic,

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zhěngtǐ xiāofèi dehuà dōu shì jiù xiāngdāngyú piān jiàngjí
整体消费的话都是就相当于偏降级
the overall desire to spend money has gone down.

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Wǒ juéde hěn shénqí de shì
我觉得很神奇的是
What's really interesting is that

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yīnwèi wǒ yǒu péngyou shì bìyè hòu tā qù zuòzhǔ bō le, nǚ zhǔbō
因为我有朋友是毕业后她去做主播了，女主播
I have a female friend who became a live streamer after she graduated (from university).

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Shénme fāngmiàn de? | Jiùshì piān nàzhǒng wǔdǎo de
什么方面的？ | 就是偏那种舞蹈的
What kind? | Dancing (she might mean suggestive dances with revealing clothing).

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Jù nǐ suǒzhī zuò zhǔbō zhège hángyè

据你所知做主播这个行业

As far as you know, what's the typical

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dàgài shōurù zài shénmeyàng de yī gè fànwéi?

大概收入在什么样的一个范围?

income range for live streamers?

454

Wǒ zhīdào de tā xiànzài kěnéng zuò zhǔbō yīniánbàn zuǒyòu de shíjiān

我知道的她现在可能做主播一年半左右的时间

I know that she's been a live streamer for about a year and a half now.

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tā jiù niánxīn kěnéng yǒu qī bāshí wàn le yǐjīng

她就年薪可能有七八十万了已经

Her annual salary is probably around 700,000 to 800,000 yuan (\$98,656 - \$112,750).

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ránhòu tā měizhōu zhǐ yòng bō wǔ tiān, yī tiān bō liǎng sān gè xiǎoshí

然后她每周只用播五天，一天播两三个小时

She only streams five days a week, two to three hours a day.

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Suǒyǐ nǐ rúguǒ huànsuàn chéng shíxīn shì hěn gāo

所以你如果换算成时薪是很高

So if you convert that to an hourly wage, that's a very high rate.

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Wǒ jiù juéde hěn shénqí shì qíshí yǒu yībùfēn rén

我就觉得很神奇是其实有一部分人

I just find it very strange that a portion of people

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wánquán méiyǒu shòudào yǐngxiǎng

完全没有受到影响

have not been affected at all.

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Jiùshì tāmen de shōurù kěnéng fǎn'ér gèng gāo le

就是他们的收入可能反而更高了

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Their income might even be higher.

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Ránhòu ne wǒ xiànzài zuò de zhège hángyè suànshì yùnqì bǐjiào hǎo,
然后呢我现在做的这个行业算是运气比较好,
And the industry I am in now is relatively lucky,

462

méiyǒu shòudào nàme dà de yǐngxiǎng
没有受到那么大的影响
because it hasn't been affected that much.

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Qítā de jiù bǐrú chuántǒng yīxiē de hángyè,
其他的就比如传统一些的行业,
Other industries, such as traditional ones,

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háiyǒu jiùshì xiǎo shāng xiǎofàn zhīlèi de,
还有就是小商小贩之类的,
and small businesses,

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nà kěnéng háishi shòu de chōngjī bǐjiào dà
那可能还是受的冲击比较大
have suffered a big blow.

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Suǒyǐ wǒ juéde jiùshì hěn gēliè, zhège shìjiè
所以我觉得就是很割裂, 这个世界
So I think the world is very divided.

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Jiù dāngxià de jīngjìqíngkuàng,
就当下的经济情况,
Do you think the current economic situation

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nǐ juéde huì yǐngxiǎng niánqīngrén qítā fāngmiàn de rénshēng xuǎnzé ma?
你觉得会影响年轻人其他方面的人生选择吗?
will affect young people's life choices in other areas?

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Lìrú mǎifáng a jiéhūn ya yào háizi dēngděng

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例如买房啊结婚呀要孩子等等

For example, on buying a house, marriage, having children, etc.

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Wǒ juéde huì

我觉得会

I think so.

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Yīnwèi wǒmen zhè yīdài dehuà, duìyú jiéhūn dehuà,

因为我们这一代的话，对于结婚的话，

For our generation, when it comes to marriage,

472

wǒmen méiyǒu xiàng fùmǔ nàge niándài juéde yīdìngyào jiéhūn

我们没有像父母那个年代觉得一定要结婚

we don't feel that we absolutely must get married like people in our parents' generation did.

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Zhìshǎo wǒ shēnbiān de rén hé wǒ bùshì zhème xiǎng

至少我身边的人和我不是这么想

At least the people around me and I don't think that way.

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Ránhòu duìyú nǐ shuō de mǎifáng mǎi chē dehuà,

然后对于你说的买房买车的话，

As for buying a house or a car,

475

wǒ juéde rúguǒ ràng wǒ xuǎn, wǒ huì xuǎn zūfáng

我觉得如果让我选，我会选租房

I think if I had to choose, I would choose renting.

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Wǒ bù xiǎngyào bǎ wǒ de yībèizi kùn zài yī gè jiùshì cage lǐmiàn

我不想要把我的一辈子困在一个就是 cage 里面

I don't want to be trapped in a cage for my entire life,

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ránhòu wǒ qù huā wǒ dà bàn shēng de shíjiān qù fù zhège fángdài

然后我去花我大半生的时间去付这个房贷

and spend most of my life paying off a mortgage.

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Wǒ juéde méi bìyào

我觉得没必要

I don't think it's necessary.

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Jiù xiàng wǒmen shuō wǒmen xiànzài shì lǚyóu dài

就像我们说我们现在是旅游贷

We now like the idea of taking "travel loans" (meaning spend money traveling).

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Wǒmen nìngyuàn qù bǎ qián huā zài lǚxíng shàngmiàn

我们宁愿去把钱花在旅行上面

We'd rather spend money on traveling,

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qù kàn shìjiè, qù kàn bùtóng de wénhuà

去看世界、去看不同的文化

to see the world and experience different cultures instead.

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Nǐ juéde niánqīngrén xiànzài zhěngtǐ de yī gè zhuàngtài zěnmeyàng?

你觉得年轻人现在整体的一个状态怎么样?

What do you think is the general state of young people now?

483

Wǒ gēn wǒ péngyou wǒmen jīngcháng huì liáo zhège huàtí

我跟我朋友我们会经常聊这个话题

My friends and I often discuss this topic.

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Wǒ juéde wǒmen jīngshén qíshí dōu shēngbìng le

我觉得我们精神其实都生病了

I think we are all mentally ill.

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Yīnwèi fùmǔ nà yīdài bāokuò yéye nǎinai nà yīdài dehuà,

因为父母那一代包括爷爷奶奶那一代的话,

Our parents' and grandparents' generation,

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tāmen qíshí shì zuì jiǎndān, tāmen qióng

他们其实是最简单, 他们穷

were actually the simplest to live in because they were all poor.

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Tāmen zhǐ xūyào miànduì yī jiàn shìqíng

他们只需要面对一件事情

They only needed to deal with one thing,

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jiùshì jiějué shēngcún wēnbǎo wèntí

就是解决生存温饱问题

which was solving the problem of survival and basic necessities.

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Duìyú wǒmen láishuō dehuà ne dàbùfēn rén dehuà,

对于我们来说的话呢大部分人的话,

For most of us,

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wǒmen qíshí jiālǐ dōu suàn zhōngchǎn piān shàng

我们其实家里都算中产偏上

our families are considered middle-class or slightly above.

491

Wǒmen méiyǒu zài shòu wēnbǎo de zhémó

我们没有再受温饱的折磨

We are no longer bothered by the problem of basic necessities.

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Zhīhòu ne nà nǐ rén bìrán ér rán huì cóng jīngjì mǎixiàng lìngyī gè

之后呢那你人必然而然会从经济迈向另一个

Therefore, we will naturally pursue something more than money,

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Wǒ juéde cóng rènzhī céngmiàn huò jīngshén céngmiàn nàgè sīkǎo

我觉得从认知层面或精神层面那个思考

for example, caring about our mind and spirituality.

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Nǐ huì zài xiǎng wǒ cúnzài de yìyì shì shénme?

你会在想我存在的意义是什么?

We will start thinking about the meaning of life

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Yīnwèi wǒ cúnzài de yìyì bùshì zhǐshì qù wèile chīfàn hé yǒu fángzi zhù

因为我存在的意义不是只是去为了吃饭和有房子住

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and it's definitely not just having enough food or a house to live in.

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Bāokuò wǒmen zuò yī fèn gōngzuò

包括我们做一份工作

This includes what job we do.

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Zhè fèn gōngzuò kěnéng fùmǔ tāmen huì wèile qián qù dī zhège tóu,

这份工作可能父母他们会为了钱去低这个头,

Our parents might sacrifice their dignity for a job,

498

dàn wǒmen bùxiǎng

但我们不想

but we won't.

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Ránhòu tāmen kěnéng bùhuì yīnwèi rè'ài qù zuò yī fèn gōngzuò

然后他们可能不会因为热爱去做一份工作

Our parents wouldn't do a job out of passion,

500

dànshì yīnwèi zhège gōngzuò néng yǎnghuo de liǎo jiā,

但是因为这个工作能养活得了家,

but rather because the job could support the family.

501

dànshì wǒmen huì xiǎngyào qù zhǎodào yī fèn rè'ài de shìqing

但是我们会想要去找到一份热爱的事情

However, we want to find a job we love.

502

Suǒyǐ wǒmen hěn... wǒ juéde yě hěn tòngkǔ

所以我们很... 我觉得也很痛苦

Yes, so we are very... I think it's very painful for us.

503

Jiù jīngcháng zài wǎngshàng yě kěyǐ kàndào

就经常在网上也可以看到

We often see

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gānggang bìyè de dàxuésēng

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刚刚毕业的大学生
recent university graduates online,

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huòzhě shì yǐjīng gōngzuò le dànshì shì gāoxuéli de rénqún
或者是已经工作了但是是高学历的人群
or people who are highly educated but already working,

506

tāmen kěnéng shīyè le,
他们可能失业了,
being laid off,

507

nà jiù bèipò qù sòng wàimài a sòng kuàidì a
那就被迫去送外卖啊送快递啊
and forced to become food delivery drivers, express couriers,

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huòzhě shì kāi wǎngyuēchē,
或者是开网约车,
or ride-share drivers.

509

Nǐ shēnbiān yǒu zhèyàng de qíngkuàng ma?
你身边有这样的情况吗?
Do you know anyone like that?

510

Wǒ qíshí yī kāishǐ bùrù shèhuì de shíhou,
我其实一开始步入社会的时候,
When I first entered the workforce,

511

wǒ duì zhèzhǒng zhíyè yě shì huì yǒuyīdiǎn nàzhǒng
我对这种职业也是会有一点那种
I felt that these professions

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juéde yǒudiǎn low de gǎnjué
觉得有点 low 的感觉
were a bit "low".

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Dànshì qíshí xiànzài jīnglì le cáiyuán zhīhòu,
但是其实现在经历了裁员之后,
But after experiencing layoffs,

514

wǒ juéde měi fèn gōngzuò dōu shì píngděng de
我觉得每份工作都是平等的
I feel that every job is equal.

515

Érqiě qíshí wàimài tā yě yǒu zìjǐ de ménào,
而且其实外卖它也有自己的门道,
Actually, food delivery has its own ways of doing things,

516

nǐ yào zěnmē qù jìzhu zhèxiē méndiàn, zěnmē kòngzhì sùdù
你要怎么去记住这些门店, 怎么控制速度
for example, how to remember the restaurants, how to manage time (in order to
deliver food in time).

517

Nǐ zuò de hǎo yě yǒu yī liǎng wàn ne
你做得好也有一两万呢
If you do it well, you can make ten to twenty thousand a month.

518

qíshí wǒ juéde yě shì yī gè bùcuò de xuǎnzé.
其实我觉得也是一个不错的选择。
I actually think it can be a good choice (for a profession).

519

Nà nǐ juéde xiànzài jiùshì duìyú
那你觉得现在就是对于
Do you think it is difficult

520

gānggang bìyè de dàxuéshēng láishuō zhǎo gōngzuò nán ma?
刚刚毕业的大学生来说找工作难吗?
for recent university graduates to find a job now?

521

Tǐng nán de
挺难的
It's quite difficult.

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jiùshì wǒ zài zuò zhāopìn de shíhou,
就是我在做招聘的时候,

When I was doing recruitment (in my last company in an HR department),

523

qíshí wǒmen gōngsī guīmó hái mǎn dà de yǒu liǎng qiān rén
其实我们公司规模还蛮大的有两千人

our company scale was quite large, with two thousand people,

524

Dànshì wǒmen qíshí gèng qīngxiàngyú shèzhāo

但是我们其实更倾向于社招

but we actually preferred hiring people outside of university.

525

Shèzhāo yǒu yībùfen yě shì kěyǐ jiēshòu yǒu wú jīngyàn de,
社招有一部分也是可以接受有无经验的,

We could accept some without any experience,

526

dànshì jiùshì nǐ kěyǐ jiēshòu méiyǒu zhège gǎngwèi de jīngyàn,
但是就是你可以接受没有这个岗位的经验,

but... I meant we were okay with people without experience in that specific position,

527

dànshì nǐ yào yǒu gōngzuò jīngyàn.

但是你要有工作经验。

but they must have other types of work experience.

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Yīnwèi méiyǒu gōngzuò jīngyàn de rén

因为没有工作经验的人

This was because people without any work experience,

529

zài wǒmen kànlai tā de yī gè kàngyā nénglì...

在我们看来他的一个抗压能力...

in our view, their ability to withstand pressure...

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Jiùshì méiyǒu shòuguò shèhuì de dúdǎ

就是没有受过社会的毒打

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Since they haven't gone through any hardships (in a job),

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háishi duì gōngzuò yǒu yīzhǒng nàzhǒng huànxǐǎng,

还是对工作有一种那种幻想,

they will still have some fantasy about work,

532

Jiù chī bùliǎo kǔ, yīnwèi wǒmen gōngsī háishi bǐjiào gāo qiángdù de

就吃不了苦, 因为我们公司还是比较高强度的

meaning they can't endure hardship, and our company had high-intensity work.

533

Ránhòu xiàng xiàozhāo zhè yīkuài, wǒ yě kàndào hěn duō tiēzi

然后像校招这一块, 我也看到很多帖子

As for campus recruitment, I also see many posts on Rednote

534

jiù xiǎo hóng shū shàng hěn duō rén kěnéng bìyè le bànnián

就小红书上很多人可能毕业了半年

where many people cannot find a job

535

dōu zhǎobudào gōngzuò

都找不到工作

half a year after graduation.

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Qíshí wǒ juéde dàjiā dōu tǐng nán de

其实我觉得大家都挺难的

So, I think it's difficult for them.

537

Wǒmen xiànzài dàxué jiù yǒuyīxiē tóngxué

我们现在大学就有一些同学

Some of my current university classmates

538

tā zài hán shǔjià qījiān ma huòzhě shì zhōumò tā yǒu kòngxián

他在寒暑假期间嘛或者是周末他有空闲

who have free time during winter or summer vacation or on weekends,

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tā jiù qù pǎo wàimài ránhòu huòzhě shì kāi dīdī

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他就去跑外卖然后或者是开滴滴

they go out to deliver food or drive for Didi.

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Nǚshēng? | Nánshēng

女生? | 男生

Girls? | Guys.

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Rénjiā shì juéde fēicháng yǒu chéngjiùgǎn de,

人家是觉得非常有成就感的,

They feel a great sense of accomplishment,

542

bìjìng tā shì zhuàn dào qián le

毕竟他是赚到钱了

after all, they can make money.

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Ránhòu tā yě kěyǐ wèi tā yǐhòu wèilái

然后他也可以为他以后未来

In addition, they can pave the way (by saving some money) for their future

544

rúguǒ tā yǒu chuàngyè de xiǎngfǎ dehuà yě shì yī gè pūlù,

如果他有创业的想法的话也是一个铺路,

if they have an idea of starting a business later.

545

suǒyǐ wǒ juéde háishi bǐjiào zhīchí

所以我觉得还是比较支持

So I think I am quite supportive (of people doing these jobs).

546

Nà nǐ shēnbiān yǒu rènshi de tóngxué ya

那你身边有认识的同学呀

Do you know any classmates

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huòzhě shì zhèzhǒng dàxué bìyèshēng

或者是这种大学毕业生

or university graduates

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yǒu yīnwèi zhǎobudào gōngzuò ér jiāolǜ

有因为找不到工作而焦虑

who are worried because they can't find a job

549

huòzhě shì zhǎobudào shìhé de gōngzuò ér jiāolǜ ma?

或者是找不到适合的工作而焦虑吗?

or can't find a suitable job?

550

Yě yǒu a

也有啊

Yes, I do.

551

Jiùshì tā kāishǐ yě qù gàn le wǒmen zhège duìkǒu de gàn le yī gè yuè

就是他开始也去干了我们这个对口的干了一个月

(I know a guy) who first tried a job related to his major for a month,

552

fāxiàn gàn bù xiàlai jiù qù pǎo wàimài le

发现干不下来就去跑外卖了

found he couldn't continue, and then went to deliver food.

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Wèishá gàn bù xiàqu le?

为啥干不下去了?

Why couldn't he continue?

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Yīnwèi jiù xiàng wǒ shuō de,

因为就像我说的,

Because, as I said,

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hǎo yīdiǎn de gōngsī yòu yào jīngyàn,

好一点的公司又要经验,

any decent company will require experience,

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yòu yào nǐ de xuélì yòu yào zěnmeyàng

又要你的学历又要怎么怎么样

or a higher academic degree.

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Tā zhǎo le yī gè chūchuàngōngsī,
他找了一个初创公司,
He worked in a startup company,

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ránhòu chuàngyè bù xiàqu, gōngsī yào dǎobì le
然后创业不下去, 公司要倒闭了
and the startup failed, so the company was about to close down.

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ránhòu tā qù pǎo wàimài le
然后他去跑外卖了
So, he went to deliver food.

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Pǎo le duōjiǔ le?
跑了多久了?
How long has he been delivering food?

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Pǎo le xiǎo bànge yuè le ba
跑了小半个月了吧
About half a month.

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Nà zhège pǎo wàimài de shōurù zěnmeyàng ne?
那这个跑外卖的收入怎么样呢?
How is his income from food delivery?

563

Wǒ wèn guo tā, tā qíshí juéde hái kěyǐ ba
我问过他, 他其实觉得还可以吧
I asked him, and he actually thinks it's okay.

564

Tā shuō dàgài yī dān jīběnshàng nénggòu zài gè sì wǔ kuài qián zuǒyòu
他说大概一单基本上能够在个四五块钱左右
He said he makes roughly 4 to 5 yuan per order.

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Tā shuō tā yě shì jiānzhí ma,
他说他也是兼职嘛,
He said he does it part-time,

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jīběnshàng yī tiān pǎo gè shí duō èrshí dān ránhòu jiù bù chóu chīhē
基本上一天跑个十多二十单然后就不愁吃喝
and each day, if he could get 10 to 20 orders, he could survive.

567

Ránhòu rúguǒ zài yùshàng píngtái huódòng,
然后如果再遇上平台活动,
If he's lucky to run into promotions from the delivery platform,

568

nǐ yī tiān pǎo gòu duōshao dān huì jiǎnglì nǐ gè
你一天跑够多少单会奖励你个
he might get rewarded 100 to 200 yuan

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yībǎi, yībǎi wǔ, liǎng bǎi zhèzhǒng
一百、一百五、二百这种
if he takes the number of orders required by the platform.

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Tā shuō yě tǐnghǎo de
他说也挺好的
He said (the job) is actually okay.

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Yīnwèi xiànzài yě yǒu hěn duō dàxuéshēng,
因为现在也有很多大学生,
There are many university students now,

572

bǐrúshuō bìyè zhīhòu zhǎobudào gōngzuò ma
比如说毕业之后找不到工作嘛
who can't find a job after graduation,

573

ránhòu jiù bèipò qù zhǎo yīxiē bǐrúshuō wàimài yuán ya
然后就被迫去找一些比如说外卖员呀
and are forced to find jobs like food delivery,

574

huòzhě shì sòng kuàidì a dīdī a zhèyàng de gōngzuò
或者是送快递啊滴滴啊这样的工作

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express delivery, or Didi.

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Nà duì zhèyàng de xiànxàng nǐ zěnmē kàn ne?

那对这样的现象你怎么看呢?

What is your view on this phenomenon?

576

Wǒ juéde tāmen tǐng yǒnggǎn de

我觉得他们挺勇敢的

I think they are very brave

577

yīnwèi qíshí duìyú wǒ láishuō,

因为其实对于我来说,

because for me,...

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wǒ yīnggāi suànshì kǒng yǐjǐ nàzhǒng lèixíng de rén

我应该算是孔乙己那种类型的人

I am a Kong Yiji type of person

Note: Kong Yiji was a highly educated man and he wore a long gown which was the symbol of the elite scholar class, but it was tattered and dirty. Economically, he was destitute and poor but his deep pride prevented him from taking off his scholar's gown and engaging in manual labor.

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Jiùshì kěnéng nìngyuàn zhǎobudào nàgē gōngzuò,

就是可能宁愿找不到那个工作,

who would rather be unemployed,

580

wǒ yě bù yuànyì qù zuò yīxiē jiùshì zhègē wàimài yuán de gōngzuò

我也不愿意去做一些就是这个外卖员的工作

than take a job like food delivery.

581

yīnwèi jiùshì huì juéde zìjǐ dú le zhègē dàxué,

因为就是会觉得自己读了这个大学,

I feel that since I went to university,

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xiǎng zhǎo tā pǐpèi yīdiǎn de

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想找它匹配一点的

I should find a job

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jiùshì yāoqiú dàxué zhèzhǒng xuélì de gōngzuò.

就是要求大学这种学历的工作。

that matches my degree.

584

Zhè shì yī gè hěn pǔbiàn de xiànxàng

这是一个很普遍的现象

This is a very common phenomenon.

585

Wǒ juéde dehuà, jiùshì duìyú niánqīngrén láijiǎng dehuà,

我觉得的话，就是对于年轻人来讲的话，

I think, for young people,

586

shǒuxiān yào ràng zìjǐ xiān huóxiàqù

首先要让自己先活下去

the first thing is to ensure their survival.

587

Kěnéng cóngshì wàimài dehuà tā bùshì yī gè yǒngjiǔ de yī gè gōngzuò,

可能从事外卖的话它不是一个永久的工作，

Working as a food delivery person might not be a permanent job,

588

dànshì zhìshǎo nénggòu ràng nǐ xiān yǒu fàn chī.

但是至少能够让你先有饭吃。

but at least it allows them to survive.

589

Ránhòu zài zhège hángyè lǐmiàn dehuà,

然后在这个行业里面的话，

And while in this industry,

590

yào zuò de bùshì zěnmē yīzhí zài zhège wàimài zhège hángyè

要做的不是怎么一直在这个外卖这个行业

what they need to do is try not to stay in that job forever,

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qù mài zìjǐ de tǐlì, mài zìjǐ de shíjiān

去卖自己的体力，卖自己的时间

selling their sweat and time.

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Ránhòu tóngshí dehuà,

然后同时的话，

While doing the job,

593

nǐ hái yào qù tígāo nǐ zìjǐ de yī gè héxīn de yī gè jìngzhēnglì, duì

你还要去提高你自己的一个核心的一个竞争力，对

they should think about improving their competitiveness

594

ránhòu qù zhǎodào zìjǐ de yī gè rénshēng de yī gè fāngxiàng

然后去找到自己的一个人生的一个方向

and look for new directions for their lives.

595

Wǒ shēnbiān yě yǒuyīxiē xiàng yuánlái zài dàchǎng lǐmiàn gōngzuò de,

我身边也有一些像原来在大厂里面工作的，

I know people who used to work in big companies

596

nà bèi cízhí le zhīhòu

那被辞职了之后

and after being forced to quit,

597

ránhòu jiù qù zuò wàimài a zuò kuàidì a zhèzhǒng yě yǒu

然后就去外卖啊做快递啊这种也有

they went to do food delivery or express delivery.

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Bèi cáiyuán le shì ma?

被裁员了是吗？

Were they laid off?

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Duì duì duì, bèi cáiyuán le

对对对，被裁员了

Yes, they were laid off.

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Bèi cáiyuán de duō ma?

被裁员的多吗?

Are there many who were laid off?

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Shēnzhèn hái hǎo, duì, Shēnzhèn hái hǎo

深圳还好, 对, 深圳还好

Not too many in Shenzhen.

602

Yībān bèi cái diào de shì shénmeyàng de rén?

一般被裁掉的是什么样的人?

What kind of people are usually laid off?

603

Kěnéng jiùshì gōngzuò gǎngwèi bùshì nàme héxīn, duì

可能就是工作岗位不是那么核心, 对

Maybe those whose job positions are not so essential

604

ránhòu ne kěyǐ bèi tìdài de, duì, zhèzhǒng shì bǐjiào duō de

然后呢可以被替代的, 对, 这种是比较多的

and those who can be replaced easily.

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Jiùshì xiànzài dehuà, qíshí hěn duō niánqīngrén dōu zài bàoyuàn

就是现在的话, 其实很多年轻人都在抱怨

Now, many young people are complaining

606

shuō zhège jīngjì dàhuánjìng bùhǎo,

说这个经济大环境不好,

that the economy is bad,

607

zhǎo gōngzuò bùhǎo zhǎo, jiù nǐ zěnmē kàn ne?

找工作不好找, 就你怎么看呢?

and jobs are hard to find. What's your view?

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Wǒ juéde zhǎo gōngzuò bù hǎo zhǎo

我觉得找工作不好找

I think the difficulty in finding a job

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gēn jīngjì dàhuánjìng méiyǒu tài dà de guānxi
跟经济大环境没有太大的关系
doesn't have much to do with the economy.

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Jīngjì huánjìng hǎo de shíhou,
经济环境好的时候,
When the economy was good,

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niánqīng rén yīrán bù hǎo zhǎo gōngzuò
年轻人依然不好找工作
it was still difficult for young people to find a job,

612

yīnwèi zhège bùshì tāmen xiǎngyào de gōngzuò, duì ba?
因为这个不是他们想要的工作, 对吧?
because those were not the jobs they wanted, right?

613

Jiùshì nǐ rúguǒ zhǐshì xiǎngyào zhǎo yī fèn gōngzuò,
就是你如果只是想要找一份工作,
If you just want to find a job,

614

nǐ xiànzài mǎshàng jiù kěyǐ yǒu
你现在马上就可以有
you can get one right at this minute.

615

Nǐ sòng gè wàimài néng bùnéng lā de xià miànzi, duì ba?
你送个外卖能不能拉得下面子, 对吧?
But can they put aside their pride to deliver food?

616

Duì, kěnéng tāmen shuō zhǎobudào gōngzuò gèng duō de shì
对, 可能他们说找不到工作更多的是
Yes, maybe when they say they can't find a job, it's more about

617

zhǎobudào gēn zìjǐ de xuélì gēn zhuānyè pǐpèi de gōngzuò
找不到跟自己的学历跟专业匹配的工作

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not being able to find a job that matches their education and major.

618

Duì, jiǎndān shuō qíshí jiùshì zhèyàng

对，简单说其实就是这样

Yes, simply put, that's it.

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jiùshì zìjǐ de yùqī tài gāo le

就是自己的预期太高了

Their expectations are too high.

620

Jiùshì duìbǐ bā líng hòu,

就是对比八零后，

Comparing the generation of the 80s,

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nǐ juéde xiànzài líng líng hòu de zhège gōngzuò xīntài yǒu biànhuà ma?

你觉得现在零零后的这个工作心态有变化吗？

do you think the work mentality of the 2000s generation has changed?

622

Wǒ juéde shì yǒu de

我觉得是有的

I think it has.

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Wǒmen cānjiā gōngzuò de shíhou,

我们参加工作的时候，

When we started working,

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wǒ cānjiā gōngzuò de shíhou hái shì xiǎo língtōng shídài

我参加工作的时候还是小灵通时代

it was still the era of "Xiao Ling Tong" (early mobile phones).

625

Zhège shíhou wǒmen yào qù xīshōu wàijiè de xìnxi,

这个时候我们要去吸收外界的信息，

At that time, to get information from the outside world,

626

wǒ xūyào kào diànshì xūyào kào shàng wǎngbā

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我需要靠电视需要靠上网吧
we needed to rely on TV or internet cafes.

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Nàhuìr wǒ gāng cānjiā gōngzuò,
那会儿我刚参加工作,
When I just started working,

628

wǒ zìjǐ diànnǎo dōu méiyǒu yī tái, shì ba?
我自己电脑都没有一台, 是吧?
I didn't even have a computer, you know?

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Nà nǐ xiànzài de niánqīngrén, tā zhǐ xūyào yī bù shǒujī jiù kěyǐ le
那你现在的年轻人, 他只需要一部手机就可以了
But now, a phone is enough for young people (to get information).

630

Huāhuāshìjiè mírén yǎn, duì ba?
花花世界迷人眼, 对吧?
The dazzling world is full of temptations that can easily distract you, right?

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Suǒyǐ zìrán xiǎngfǎ jiù bù yīyàng, xūqiú diǎn jiù huì gèng duō
所以自然想法就不一样, 需求点就会更多
So naturally, their thinking is different, and they have more desires.

632

Tā huì rènwéi wǒ yǐjīng zúgòu liǎojiě zhège shèhuì le,
他会认为我已经足够了解这个社会了,
They think they already understand the world enough,

633

dànshì shíjìshàng bìng bùshì zhèyàng
但是实际上并不是这样
but in reality, this is not the case.

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Nǐ kàn xiànzài niánqīngrén qíshí hěn duō dōu huì juéde
你看现在年轻人其实很多都会觉得
Look at young people now. Many will think

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nǐ zìjǐ zuòshēngyì, nà nǐ yīdìng hěn yǒuqián

你自己做生意，那你一定很有钱

if you start your own business, you can definitely make a lot of money.

636

Tā shènzhì lián shuìwù dōu gāo bùqīngchu

他甚至连税务都搞不清楚

They don't even understand taxation,

637

tā jiù juéde wǒ wèilái wǒ yě kěyǐ dāng lǎobǎn.

他就觉得我未来我也可以当老板。

but they think they can be a boss in the future.

638

Nǐ kàn tā zuò le yī gè shénme shìqing,

你看他做了一个什么事情，

They see someone achieves something,

639

tā dōu néng zuò chéng, wǒ yě kěyǐ zuò chéng

他都能做成，我也可以做成

and they think they can achieve it too.

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Dànshì nàge shíhou wǒmen shì bùhuì yǒu zhèzhǒng xiǎngfǎ de

但是那个时候我们是不会有这种想法的

But we didn't have that kind of thinking back then.

641

Érqiě hěn duō rén yě huì shuō

而且很多人也会说

Also, many people say

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Zhōngguó zhège shèhuì fēicháng fēicháng de juǎn,

中国这个社会非常非常的卷，

that Chinese society is extremely competitive,

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gègè hángyè dōu zài juǎn, nín juéde ne?

各个行业都在卷，您觉得呢？

and every industry is highly competitive. What do you think?

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Juǎn shì kè zài Zhōngguó rén gǔzi lǐ de dōngxi

卷是刻在中国人骨子里的东西

The competition is ingrained in the bones of the Chinese people.

645

Zhōngguó rén shì èdùzi de lìshǐ hěn jìn a

中国人是饿肚子的历史很近啊

The history of the Chinese going hungry is very recent.

646

Yějiùshì sāndài rén cái gǎibiàn zhège xiànzhuàng

也就是三代人才改变这个现状

It took only three generations to change that situation.

647

Wèishénme xiànzài zhōngyāng tíchū lǚ qǐ xiùzi jiāyóu gàn a?

为什么现在中央提出撸起袖子加油干啊?

Why is the central government now calling for "roll up your sleeves and work hard"?

648

Nǐ zhǐyǒu gàn huó cái yǒu fàn chī a

你只有干活才有饭吃啊

Because you only get food if you work.

649

Ōuzhōu rén lǐjiě bùliǎo a

欧洲人理解不了啊

Europeans cannot understand that,

650

shèhuì fúli tài hǎo le, duì ba?

社会福利太好了，对吧?

because their social welfare is so good, right?

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Nà ōuzhōu rén dōu huì juéde wèishénme wǒ lái nǐ zhèr bì gè nán,

那欧洲人都会觉得为什么我来你这儿避个难，

Even when Europeans seek refuge in a foreign country,

652

nǐ bù gěi wǒ fā qián a?

你不给我发钱啊?

they think they should get money from the government.

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Zhōngguó rén cóng lái méi yǒu zhè zhǒng xiǎng fǎ ya
中国人从来没有这种想法呀

But Chinese will never have this kind of thinking.

654

Zhè shì duō shǎo dài rén jiù shì zhè me jiàoyù chū lái de
这是多少代人就是这么教育出来的

We've been taught this through many generations.

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Nǐ yào xiǎng dé dào shén me, nǐ jiù zì jǐ qù shí xiàn tā, duì ba?
你要想得到什么，你就自己去实现它，对吧？

If you want something, you have to get it yourself, right?

656

Yīn wèi wǒ men méi yǒu xiǎng shòu guo
因为我们没有享受过

Because we have never enjoyed

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nà zhǒng jí hǎo de shè huì fú lì hé dài yù
那种极好的社会福利和待遇

good social welfare and benefits (like Europeans).

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Nà zuì hòu yī gè wèn tí,
那最后一个问题，

The last question,

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jiù shì nǐ duì èr líng èr liù nián de jīng jì hǎo zhuǎn bào yǒu xī wàng ma?
就是你对二零二六年的经济好转抱有希望吗？

do you have hope for an economic recovery in 2026?

660

Zàn shí méi yǒu, hái tài zǎo le
暂时没有，还太早了

No, it's too early.

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Nǐ jué de shén me shí hòu huì biàn hǎo?
你觉得什么时候会变好？

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When do you think it will get better?

662

Wǒ gūjì kěnéng děi jǐnián, kěnéng děi sān líng nián zhèyàngzi ba

我估计可能得几年，可能得二零年这样子吧

I estimate it might take a few years, maybe around 2030.

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Nà hái yǒu hǎo duō nián ne

那还有好多年呢

That's many years from now.

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Nà zhème duō nián rúguǒshuō yīzhí dōu méiyǒu hǎozhuǎn,

那这么多年如果说一直都没有好转，

If there's no improvement for so many years,

665

nǐ huì cǎiqǔ shénme yìngduì cuòshī ma?

你会采取什么应对措施吗？

what countermeasures will you take?

666

Qíshí wǒ zuìjìn yǒu xiǎng zhǎo gōngzuò,

其实我最近有想找工作，

Actually, I have been thinking about looking for a job recently,

667

dànshì miànshì xiàlai yòu méiyǒu shénme dònglì le

但是面试下来又没有什么动力了

but after some interviews, I lost motivation.

668

Wèishénme?

为什么？

Why?

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Jiùshì wǒ huì fāxiàn xiànzài de gōngzuò yāoqiú huì bǐ yǐqián gāo le

就是我会发现现在的工作要求会比以前高了

I find that the job requirements are higher than before.

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Jiùshì wǒ tóngyàng de gǎngwèi wǒ zài xiǎngyào qù miàn

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就是我同样的岗位我再想要去面

If I want to interview for the same position

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tóngyàng xīnzī de yī gè gǎngwèi dehuà,

同样薪资的一个岗位的话,

with the same salary (as my last job),

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tā duì wǒ tíchū de yāoqiú huì gèng gāo.

他对我提出的要求会更高。

the demands they make are higher.

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Nà gēn wǒ xiànzài de yāoqiú nénggòu pǐpèi de gǎngwèi dehuà,

那跟我现在的要求能够匹配的岗位的话,

But jobs that match what I want,

674

kěnéng gōngzī yòu jiàng xīn bǐjiào duō

可能工资又降薪比较多

the salary might be significantly lower.

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Jiàng xīn bǐjiào duō wǒ páo qù shēnghuó chéngběn yòu méiyǒu shénme qián,

降薪比较多我刨去生活成本又没有什么钱,

With a lower salary, after deducting living expenses, there won't be much money left over

676

wǒ huì juéde luòchā bǐjiào dà,

我会觉得落差比较大,

I feel disappointed because of the differences (between jobs available and my previous job).

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wuǒyǐ wǒ kěnéng gèng duō de shì xiǎng qù...

所以我可能更多的是想去...

So I might be more inclined to...

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Shuō de gāodàshàng diǎn kěnéng shì chuàngyè

说的高大上点可能是创业

To put it grandly, maybe start a business.

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Shuō de jiùshì shízài yīdiǎn jiùshì zuò yīxiē xiànshàng de yīxiē dōngxi,
说的就是实在一点就是做一些线上的一些东西,
To put it practically, do some online work,

680

ránhòu qù biàncéng zìjǐ de shìyè qù mànman zuò dà qilai
然后去变成自己的事业去慢慢做大做强起来
and turn it into my own business and slowly expand it.

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Nǐ juéde èr líng èr liù nián huì biàn hǎo ma?
你觉得二零二六年会变好吗?
Do you think 2026 will get better?

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Huó xiàlai jiù hǎo
活下来就好
Try to survive.

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Zhǐyào nǐ hái zài zhè tiáo lù shàng zǒu zhe nà jiù yǒu wúxiàn de kěnéng
只要你还在这条路上走着那就有无限的可能
As long as you are still alive, there will be infinite possibilities.

684

Nà nǐ duìyú èr líng èr liù nián de zhège dàhuánjìng
那你对于二零二六年的这个大环境
Do you have an optimistic attitude towards

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shì zhěngtǐ bào yǒu lèguān de tàidu de ma?
是整体抱有乐观的态度的吗?
the economy improving in 2026?

686

Wǒ kěnéng zhīqián shuō de hěn dīqìyā,
我可能之前说的很低气压,
I might have sounded pessimistic before,

687

dànshì zhēnde jiùshì zhège yàng,
但是真的就是这个样,

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but that's really the case,

688

tèbié shì wǒmen zhèzhǒng chuántǒng hángyè

特别是我们这种传统行业

especially for us who are in traditional industries.

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Tài nán le

太难了

It's so hard.

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Jiùshì zǒngdeláishuō, jiùshì wǒmen xiànzài zhège dà de huánjìng hěn juǎn,
就是总的来说，就是我们现在这个大的环境很卷，

In summary, the current environment is highly competitive,

691

ránhòu xiǎngyào zài zhège hángyè chūréntóudì yě hěn nán

然后想要在这个行业出人头地也很难

and it's hard to make a name for yourself in this industry,

692

yīnwèi tā jiējí gùhuà yě tèbié lìhai

因为它阶级固化也特别厉害

because the class structure is very rigid.

693

Zīyuán zhǐ zhǎngwò dào hěn shǎo de yībùfēn rén de zhège shǒulǐ ma

资源只掌握到很少的一部分人的这个手里嘛

Resources are only in the hands of a small number of people, right?

694

Tèbié shì xiàng wǒmen gōngsī de lǎobǎn ya huòzhě shì guóqǐ a zhīlèi de

特别是像我们公司的老板呀或者是国企啊之类的

Especially bosses of companies like ours or state-owned enterprises, etc.

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Rúguǒ xiǎngyào zài zhège hángyè yǒusuǒ lìzú dehuà, zhēnde hěn nán

如果想要在这个行业有所立足的话，真的很难

It's really hard to gain a foothold in this industry.

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Cáishén miào shuō le wǒ wèilái sān nián de zhège yùndào hái bǐjiào bùcuò

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财神庙说了我未来三年的这个运道还比较不错

The God of Wealth said that my fortune for the next three years is quite good.

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Shì bài shén le dōu | Bài shén le bài shén le

是拜神了都 | 拜神了拜神了

You even sought help from gods! | Right!

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Hǎo de hǎo de, nà yě xīwàng nǐ míngnián huì gèng hǎo | Hǎo de

好的好的，那也希望你明年会更好 | 好的

Okay, I hope next year will be better for you too. | Okay.

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Chí lèguān de tàidu

持乐观的态度

I maintain an optimistic attitude.

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Shì shénme ràng nǐ yǒu zhèyàng lèguān de tàidu?

是什么让你有这样乐观的态度?

What gives you an optimistic attitude?

701

Wǒ juéde wǒ dōu tǐng lèguān de ba

我觉得我都挺乐观的吧

I think I am quite an optimistic person.

702

Wǒ juéde fǎnzhèng sǐbùliǎo a, nà sǐ yě sǐbùliǎo

我觉得反正死不了啊，那死也死不了

I think as long as I don't die (next year, that will be good enough).

703

Jiùshì bù sǐ jiùshì zuìhǎo de shì ba?

就是不死就是最好的吧?

So not dying is your best hope?

704

Duì a, sǐbùliǎo

对啊，死不了

Right.

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Zài Chéngdū zhège dìjiè nǐ zài shǎo yě yǒu gè sān sì qiān kuài qián ma

在成都这个地界你再少也有个三四千块钱嘛

In Chengdu, you can at least earn three or four thousand yuan a month,

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Yǎng nǐ zìjǐ shì wánquán gòu le de,

养你自己是完全够了的,

which is enough to support yourself,

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érqiě hái kěyǐ huó de hái xíng

而且还可以活得还行

and you can live reasonably well.

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Èr líng èr liù nián cóng wǒ kàndào de shùjù láijiǎng dehuà,

二零二六年从我看到的数据来讲的话,

From the data I see for 2026,

709

yīnggāi wèilái kěnéng wǔ nián Zhōngguó de dàxuéshēng dehuà,

应该未来可能五年中国的大学生的话,

the number of university graduates in China

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bìyè de rénshù hái huì chíxù de zēngjiā

毕业的人数还会持续地增加

might continue to increase over the next five years.

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Ránhòu zài jiāshàng yīxiē bǐrúshuō

然后再加上一些比如说

Along with some young people

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qián liǎng nián méiyǒu zhǎodào gōngzuò de zhèxiē niánqīngrén

前两年没有找到工作的这些年轻人

who couldn't find a job in the previous two years,

713

Nàme zhèyàng dehuà huì gěi nàge jiùyè shìchǎng dehuà,

那么这样的话会给那个就业市场的话,

the pressure on the job market

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yālì wǒ juéde huì bǐ xiànzài huì yào gèngjiā de dà
压力我觉得会比现在会要更加的大
will be greater than it is now.

715

Dànshì ne wǒ juéde zhè shì yī gè zhōuqīxìng de yī gè dōngxī
但是呢我觉得这是一个周期性的一个东西
But I think this is a cyclical thing.

716

Rúguǒ yī gè huài de yī gè jīngjìzhōuqī, tā kěnéng shì shí nián
如果一个坏的一个经济周期，它可能是十年
A bad economic cycle might last for ten years,

717

dànshì rúguǒ wǒmen jiùshì niánqīng rén de huà
但是如果我们就年轻人的话
but if young people

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bǎochí zhèzhǒng xuéxí de nénglì de huà
保持这种学习的能力的话
maintain the ability to learn,

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děngdào... jiùshì áo dào zhège jīngjì xiàxíng jiéshù,
等到... 就是熬到这个经济下行结束,
when they survive the economic downturn and when the economy improves,

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shàngxíng de shíhou nà tā yě huì xiǎngshòu yīxiē hónglì, duì
上行的时候那他也会享受一些红利，对
they will be able to enjoy some benefits.

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Wǒ hái shì fēicháng jiāndìng de xiāngxìn wǒmen de guójiā shì huì hǎoqǐlai de
我还是非常坚定地相信我们的国家是会好起来的
I firmly believe that our country will get better.

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Yóuqíshì jīnnián qù kàn de huà,
尤其是今年去看的话,
Especially looking at this year,

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wǒmen de zuìjìn zhèngzài jǔxíng de quányùnhuì
我们的最近正在举行的全运会
our recently held National Games

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bāokuò wǒmen xīn xià de Fújiàn jiàn,
包括我们新下的福建舰,
and our newly launched Fujian aircraft carrier,

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wǒ juéde zhè dōu shì guó lì qiángshèng de biǎoxiàn.
我觉得这都是国力强盛的表现。
I think these are all signs of a strong nation.

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Rúguǒ wǒmen guójiā bùnéng zài yánxù huīhuáng dehuà,
如果我们国家不能再延续辉煌的话,
If our country cannot continue its glory,

727

nà zhèxiē yě shì luò bùliǎo dì de
那这些也是落不了地的
then these things would not have been realized.

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Suǒyǐ wǒ fēicháng jiāndìng de xiāngxìn wǒmen de guójiā
所以我非常坚定的相信我们的国家
So I firmly believe that our country

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huì yuè lái yuè hǎo de
会越来越好的
will get better and better,

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bāokuò wǒmen rénmin zìshēn
包括我们人民自身
including our people

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bāokuò wǒmen de qǐyè yě dōu huì xiàngzhe
包括我们的企业也都会向着

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and our enterprises will also move towards

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gèng hǎo de fāngxiàng zǒu qilai de
更好的方向走起来的
a better direction.

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Nǐ duì míngnián de zhège jīngjì hǎozhuǎn bàoyǒu xīwàng ma?
你对明年的这个经济好转抱有希望吗?
Do you have hope for an economic recovery next year?

734

Kěnéng huì hǎo yīdiǎndiǎn huòzhě shì gēn xiànzài chàbuduō,
可能会好一点点或者是跟现在差不多,
It might be slightly better or about the same as now,

735

dànshì wǒ juéde bùhuì biànhuài
但是我觉得不会变坏
but I don't think it will get worse.

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Wèishénme huì juéde bùhuì biànhuài ne?
为什么会觉得不会变坏呢?
Why do you think it won't get worse?

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Yīnwèi wǒ juéde xiànzài dàjiā dōu nàge jiù yè dōu hěn jījí
因为我觉得现在大家都那个就业都很积极
Because I think everyone is very proactive in seeking employment now,

738

ránhòu dōu shì zài xiǎng bàn fǎ qù gǎo dòng zhège jīngjì ma qù chuàngshōu
然后都是在想办法去搞动这个经济嘛去创收
and they are all trying to find ways to stimulate the economy and create income.

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Wǒ shì gè lèguān de rén
我是个乐观的人
I am an optimistic person.

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yīnwèi wǒ juéde nǐ bēiguān yě shì huó, nǐ lèguān yě shì huó

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因为我觉得你悲观也是活，你乐观也是活

Because whether you're optimistic or pessimistic, things won't change.

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Nà nǐ miànduì jiùshì zhège shìjiè de zhēnxiàng yǐhòu

那你面对就是这个世界的真相以后

After knowing the reality of the world,

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wǒ juéde háishi yào bào yī gè lèguān de tàidu qù shēnghuó

我觉得还是要抱一个乐观的态度去生活

I think we should still live with an optimistic attitude.