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China's film industry finally joins the space race

中国电影业终于加入“太空竞赛”

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中国是太空探索领域的后来者，而在电影领域也是科幻片的后来者。但这一局面即将改变。

science fiction: 科幻（作品）

缩写：sci-fi

搭配短语：sci-fi books

The country's first **blockbuster** set in space, "The **Wandering Earth**," opens Tuesday **amid grandiose** expectations that it will represent the dawning of a new era in Chinese filmmaking.

肩负着人们的厚望，中国第一部以太空为背景的大片《流浪地球》于周二上映。这部电影被认为将代表中国电影制作新时代的曙光。

blockbuster/'blɒːkbʌstər/: n. (尤指因内容精彩而) 非常成功的书或影片

英文释义: something very successful, especially a successful book or film

搭配短语: a Hollywood blockbuster

搭配短语: a blockbuster movie

wander/'wɑːndər/: v. 漫步, 游荡

派生词: wanderer (n. 漂泊者)

amid/ə'mɪd/: prep. 在...中间, 在...当中; 为...环绕

同义词: mid, amidst

英文释义: in the middle of or surrounded by

例句: The house is in a beautiful position amid trees.

例句: He finished his speech amid tremendous applause.

grandiose/'grændiʊs/: adj. 非常大的, 宏伟的 (甚至达到不寻常的地步)

词根词缀: -ose (充满...的)

搭配短语: a grandiose plan

the dawning/dawn of sth.: ...的开始; ...的曙光

相关词汇: dawn

例句: We woke at dawn.

例句: The fall of the Berlin Wall marked the dawn of a new era in European history.

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3D 电影《流浪地球》里的故事发生在遥远的未来, 太阳即将膨胀为红巨星并吞噬地球。电影的初步反响是积极的。

distant/'dɪstənt/: adj. 遥远的; 远房的

搭配短语: a distant country

搭配短语: a distant relative

搭配短语: in the distant past/future

搭配短语: in the not-too-distant future

例句: They plan to have children in the not-too-distant future.

red giant: n. 红巨星

同义词: red giant star

devour/dɪ'vaʊər/: v. 狼吞虎咽; 吞噬

例句: He devoured half of his burger in one bite.

例句: The flames quickly devoured the building.

“Filmmakers in China see science fiction as a **holy grail**,” said Raymond Zhou, an independent critic, who noted that Hollywood had set the technological standards, and thus audience expectations, very high.

独立影评人周黎明说：“科幻电影是中国电影人心中梦寐以求的‘圣杯’。”他指出，好莱坞已经树立了技术标准，因此观众的期待值很高。

holy grail: 圣杯；极难得到之物

同义词：the Grail

英文释义：something that is extremely difficult to find or get

“The Wandering Earth” is adapted from works by Liu Cixin, the writer who has led a **renaissance** in science fiction here, becoming the first Chinese winner of the Hugo Award for the **genre** in 2015. His novels are **sprawling epics** and deeply researched. That makes them **plausible** fantasies about humanity’s **encounters** with a dangerous universe.

《流浪地球》改编自刘慈欣的小说。这位作家在中国引领了一场科幻小说复兴，并于 2015 年成为首位荣获雨果奖（最佳长篇故事奖）的中国作家。刘慈欣的小说叙事宏大，背景研究细致入微。这两大特点，使得他作品里那些人类与危险宇宙发生的冲撞，都好像是真实可信的想象。

renaissance/'renəsɑ:ns/: n. (尤指艺术、文学或音乐的) 复兴

相关词汇：the Renaissance (15、16世纪时欧洲的) 文艺复兴

genre/'ʒɑ:nrə/: n. (尤指艺术的) 风格，类型，体裁

搭配短语：a literary/musical/film genre

sprawling/'sprɔ:liŋ/: adj. 杂乱无序地扩展，散乱地延伸

英文释义：spreading in an untidy way

搭配短语：sprawling handwriting

英文释义：Sprawling is good for describing things that extend across a large area.

epic/'epɪk/: n. 史诗

plausible/'plɔ:zəbl/: adj. 貌似真实（或可信）的

搭配短语：a plausible explanation

encounter/ɪn'kaʊntər/: n. 偶然相遇；遭遇（问题或反对）

搭配短语：encounter problems/difficulties (v.)

例句：My first encounter with Maoxi was back in 2017.

The openings also come as China reached a **milestone** in space: the landing of a **probe** on the far side of the moon in January. Although decades behind Russia and the United States, China has now put astronauts in **orbit** and has ambitious plans to join—or even lead—a new age of space exploration.

这部电影的上映也正值中国航天事业取得里程碑式的进展之际：今年 1 月，中国航天探测器在月球背面着陆。尽管中国（在航天方面）落后于俄罗斯和美国几十年，但如今中国已经将宇航员送入太空轨道，并制定了雄心勃勃的计划，来加入或甚至领导一个太空探索新时代。

milestone/'maɪlstoʊn/: n. 里程碑；重大事件；转折点

例句：Columbus's voyage marked an important milestone in the history of exploration.

probe/proʊb/: n. （不载人的）航天探测器

far side of the moon

月球背面

同义词：dark side of the moon

orbit/'ɔ:rbit/

n. （天体围绕行星或恒星运行的）轨道

搭配短语：the earth's orbit around the sun

例句：The earth takes a year to orbit the sun. (v.)

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中国电影资料馆策展人沙丹说：“我认为中国电影和中国国运之间有着紧密联系。”

fortune/'fɔ:rtʃən/

n. (个人、家庭、国家等的)发展变化的趋势，命运，际遇

curator/kjʊ'reɪtər/

n. （博物馆、图书馆等的）馆长；策展人

archive/'ɑ:rkɑɪv/

n. 档案馆，档案室；档案

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