

## Amid lockdown *binge* watching, U.S. viewers *savor* story of romance across the front line

How's this for a romcom plot to escape the realities of the coronavirus pandemic?

binge 狂欢;大吃大喝

savor 玩味;鉴赏

A South Korean *heiress*-slash-business executive crash lands in North Korea after her *paraglider* is caught in typhoon, and ends up falling out of a tree, straight into the arms of a *strait-laced* and *taciturn* North Korean army captain.

heiress 女继承人

paraglider 滑翔伞

strait-laced 拘谨保守的;古板的

taciturn 不苟言笑的

But, in South Korea, the Netflix series "Crash Landing on You" also has found an *improbable niche* in the tricky world of outreach between the two Koreas.

improbable 不大可能的

niche 舒心的工作;商机

The North Korean army

In the show, the army captain character enjoys a close and informal relationship with four soldiers under his command, and these men also become central characters.

Jung Ha-neul joined the Korean People's Army fresh out of school as a 17-year-old and was stationed as a guard along the heavily militarized southern frontier, just like the characters in the show. He said it brings back many old memories, calling the show a step forward from the typical one-sided portrayal of North Korea as an emotionless place.

And is the Pyongyang elite so status obsessed?

The show *satirizes* the elite of Pyongyang, whose children study abroad and are constantly trying to one up each other.

satire 讽刺

But for Kim Geum-hyok, an adviser for the show, a strong element of the show is how it presents North Koreans as having the normal human flaws.

"I am happy to see this show that helps people look at the country in a new light, " he said.