

The Taste of Family



Before I left China, pea seedlings was one of my favorite vegetables in my hometown.

My mom just needed to use a little oil and fry it in an iron pan a few minutes, our whole house will be filled with pleasant smell. It also tastes great, juicy with subtle sweetness. Also very healthy!

This Saturday, I found pea seedlings here too.

But just like mango, kiwi here, looks similar, tastes different. That subtle sweetness can not be found, and that feeling of delicate simply does not exist.

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One of my friends is going to go back to her hometown next week, she is so excited. We decided to watch COCO before her trip, although she's going to miss Star Wars...

Here's an "embarrassing" situation for Chinese people who will go back to China during the end of the year. Lots of good movies appear at the end of the year. But if you go back to China, many movies may be delayed 2 months in China. You cannot stay that long there, but after you returned back from China, the movies here no longer exist.....

But, both my my friend and I have to admit, COCO is another great Disney movie in these years!

It reminds us of the taste of family.

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COCO is a movie filled with Mexican culture (I guess), because some languages sounds like Spanish and it's beautiful. I'm especially amazed by the family culture in this movie.

How can I tell you what's really happening in COCO here. It's a great movie that people should watch with their family during this winter.

I really like these 2 moments in the movie 😊



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By accident, today I found a 6 minuses movie made by Makoto Shinkai

I'm NOT a big fan of his movies,

although these years more and more people love his movies,

and they gradually forgot Studio Ghibli....

I think Makoto Shinkai's movies all filled with sadness, although he did a great job

to capture those detailed moments in modern life,

especially Japanese younger generation's life — toooooo stressful.

The music in his movies could make me cry, NOT because I can relate,

but because I can imagine how the characters feel.

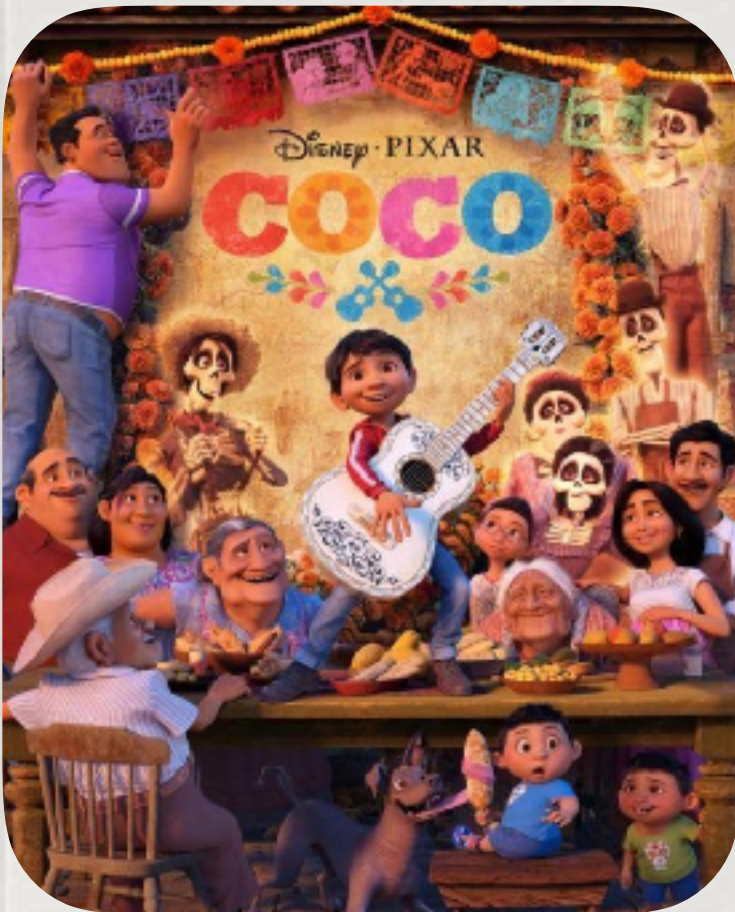
And I hate such unnecessary sadness added to me.

Still a big fan of Studio Ghibli and its music!

But this Makoto Shinkai's movie

is showing the taste of family from another culture.

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If Mexican culture express family in a very straightforward way and it happens now.

Japanese style always start from the memories.

And there must be some reason that their family cannot always be together... All the adults all hide their real feelings toward their loved ones... Japanese...



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Well, this year because of that application reason, I cannot go back to my hometown... But I won't cancel my scheduled vacation time. I am planning to get some books from an old book store where store owners remember every book without any machine. Then I will just sit at home, turn on the air conditioner, dressing in a comfortable sweater, having some warm drink and sit under a yellow light, reading books. Yesterday was the company Christmas party. After watching the movie, I had to buy some food for the next week. Then drive to the party. So it's busy. But the food in the party is amazing! That party located in a forest.... After the party, I got lost among the trees, at dark night, although I had GPS.... I used to imagine how amazing it could be by driving along that forest road. But last night, the reality totally broke my imagination. It was dark and quiet. Very difficultly to find the road even with high beam on, I was afraid bears will suddenly appear... Fortunately, finally I found that small narrow road towards high way....

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*Last night, when driving near the lake (although I got lost),
that was amazingly beautiful, I was thinking to take my parents there,
but during daytime!*