Why are you still single?

1. I'm not a prude过分正经，性方面, and I have never ceased停止 my quest需求 to find a soulmate, but the failure of my parents’ marriage 3 decades ago has impressed the lesson使得某人了解某件事的重要性 me that a woman should never look指望 to a man for happiness.
2. In the early 80s, my dad went to great lengths竭尽全力 to chase追 my mom, gaining the trust of my grandparents with his intellectual prowess才智 and his ability to procure努力获得 a post职位 in the government, which was **a real plum**李子/**称心如意的工作** in the 80s. After all, social mobility移动性 was greatly hindered阻碍 by one’s birthplace. Outwardly表面上, my dad is much more ambitious and disciplined有纪律 than his rural农村 peers同龄人, since he has no parents to fall back依赖 on and he basically cultivated培养 the self on his own独立. My grandparents fell under his spell迷住 in the+
3. hope希望 that he can take my mom out of the countryside农村. But he morphed变化 into a grumpy脾气坏 and distant冷漠的/遥远的 husband once they got married. Living in another county in the first 3 years of marriage, he seldom几乎不 financially经济 supported my mom even during and after her pregnancy怀孕 when she was in dire need of急需 nutrition in the countryside. 李子；令人称心如意的工作
4. The relationship became brittle脆弱 when they finally got together. The frictions摩擦 derive from来自于 my dad’s irresponsibility: he discounted忽视/打折 my education by refusing拒绝 to look for a kindergarten; he dictated命令 to my mom without raising the family with his salaries; he indulged沉迷于 himself in playing chess下棋 or cards so much如此以至于 so that he tended倾向于 to miss the meals with the family.
5. The austerity节衣缩食 pressured压迫 my mom to find a part-time job for him in the hope that he could furnish提供 the family with more income, but it turned out结果却是 that nobody knew how much money he made even at the time of their divorce.
6. I was underage未成年 and not educated at that time, so I can’t form too much memory and don’t know how much of the information is misrepresented by my mom. But, they did have constant持续不断 conflicts冲突, even on one Spring Festival, when my dad slighted冷落 us by spending his time elsewhere. So, to shake off摆脱 this kind of life, my mom asked my grandma for patronage赞助 and started to do business in 1990 after her divorce. This was a fatal致命 blow to my dad, because as a cadre干部 working in the government, morality道德 was highly prized重视 by his superiors上级. So, there are occasions when I witnessed目击 some people mocking my family and my dad. Obviously, this would hold him back阻止 in promotion升职 and a new marriage, whereupon于是/因此 my dad attempted several times to commission委托 all kinds of people to take care of me (or to put it plainly: get rid of摆脱 me). While my mom was at home, my dad sat on his hands什么都不干. But when he was chasing women after his divorce, his inferior更差的 background prodded激励 him into learning the culinary烹饪 skills all by himself. He seldom rejoiced高兴 at my academic performance, but blamed归咎于 his later divorce on me for my existence at his home and calling me names乱骂人 to my face so that**以便表**目的+青苔动词 I’d leave him voluntarily自愿 as he wished.
7. Gven考虑到 that my mom was reluctant不情愿/勉强 to raise me and I will have a greater chance to stray from偏离 the path I had designed设计 for myself if I stay with her, I learned to reconcile协调 my strained紧张的 family life with my studies学业, healing治愈 my trauma创伤 after my dad’s irrational不理智的 verbal语言 and physical身体上的 abuses虐待. As a result, I was too occupied忙于 with my own family and studies to cultivate培养 any relationship with the opposite相反的 gender性别 in my teens青少年. Plus, I forbore forbear克制 to ask both of them for clothing in the event of以免 my dad’s resentment怨恨, so I either wore the school uniform or my mom’s obsolete淘汰 clothes, which would turn the boys off失去性趣.
8. Of course, there were some who dropped hints暗示 when I was in college, but I fended阻止挡住 them off, since I put more value on the accumulation of my knowledge and skills, which will guarantee my financial independence from my parents. Compared with my peers, I’m fully aware of 完全意识到**the lures好处/吸引力 and perils危险**（代替advantage和disadvantage） of a marriage. **Solitude孤独 has accompanied me** since childhood, so I am not very eager to abandon抛弃 my solo living.
9. After graduation from college, I worked tirelessly不知疲倦 in a local college as a full-time English teacher for a pittance微薄 of 2000 per month. During this 5-year stint工作期间, I have never gone anywhere for a journey because we were keen热衷于 on looking for a way out to get rid of this exploitative剥削 school. All the weekends, nights and holidays were devoted用在/花在 to preparing of the classes, part-time jobs, French classes for Canadian migration移民. Again, to put it plainly直白的说, I was too occupied with my career to settle down安顿 with any man. The thrifty节约的 life continued because my mom made it clear that she was averse to support me financially in my medical operations手术, my future graduate school and my overseas migration plan.
10. Amid this anxiety焦虑 and fear of my future, I gave top priorities重视 to my material物质的 wealth, quitting辞职 my job in this college and began to work part-time for several companies at the same time. Granted不得不承认, I missed many opportunities to find a man at my age, but I felt lucky about not having got married at this stage阶段 of life. After all, with my inferior family and financial background, how can I find a high-principled高度原则/有道德 man with a vision远见? This kind of marriage would turn another vicious恶性 circle循环.
11. To this day, I have never regretted后悔 my choice. Nobody can have a perfect life. Having a husband doesn’t mean one can have a person to take care of her in the ward病房 or have children to revere尊重 her when she has dementia老年痴呆. But affluence富足 can at least guarantee my chance to travel around the world when my peers are plagued瘟疫/困扰 by the bleak寒冷 winter of the Chinese economy.