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The bittersweet charms of tiramisu

提拉米苏亦苦亦甜的魅力

bittersweet/'blt.a.swi:t/:adj. (味道、气味) 甜中带苦的; (人生经历等) 苦乐参半的; 五味杂陈的

相关词汇: bitter (adj. 苦的;令人痛苦的) 相关词汇: sweet (adj. 甜的;令人愉快的)

tiramisu /ˌtɪrəmɪˈsʊ/: 提拉米苏为意大利 ■著名甜点:以马斯卡彭芝士作为主要材料,以手指饼干取代传统甜点的海绵蛋糕,并辅 以咖啡、朗姆酒、可可粉等其他材料,于 19 世纪 60 年代前后诞生,起源于二战之后的意大利妓院,常被拿来开暧昧的玩笑:在本文第一段的电影情节中,男主的朋友在隐晦地用Tiramisu指sexual act; Tiramisu在意大利文里的意思是"带我走"。

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Seattle ". "What is tiramisu?" asks Hanks, a **widower venturing** back into the world of dating. "Some woman is **gonna** want me to do it to her and I'm not gonna know what it is!" "You'll love it," Reiner **assures** him. When the film was released in 1993 tiramisu was an **obscure confection** unheard of even in an America rich with Italians.

在电影《西雅图夜未眠》中,罗伯·莱纳扮演的角色颇有深意地对汤姆·汉克斯低声说道:"提拉米苏"。"提拉米苏是什么?"汉克斯问道(他在片中饰演一位重拾勇气闯荡爱情世界的鳏夫),"要是有女人想让我给她来这个,结果我根本不知道那是什么!"。"你会爱上它的",莱纳跟他打保票。这部电影在 1993 年上映时,提拉米苏还是个名不见经传的冷门甜品,即便是在意大利人不少的美国,也没怎么有人听说过。

murmur/'m3':ma/: v. 小声说,低语

相关词汇: say, tell, mention

knowingly: 知情地; 有意地; 深意的

Rob Reiner's character: Rob Reiner饰演的角色

Sleepless in Seattle: 《西雅图未眠夜》, 上映于1993年

widower: n.鳏夫[guān fū](无妻或丧妻的男人)

相关词汇: widow n.寡妇

venture/'ven.t[a/: v. 冒风险(去某处)

相关词汇:adventure (n. 冒险)

venture back into the world of dating: 重回约会的世界冒险 → 重拾勇气闯荡爱情世界

gonna: going to

assure/ə'fʊr/: v. 向...保证,使确信

词义辨析:assure, ensure

两者均有"保证"意,**ensure** 后往往跟「物/事」,表示"保证…",如: ensure the safety(确保安全),ensure the success(确保成功);**assure** 后往往跟人:assure sb.,表示"向…保证"。

obscure: adj.鲜为人知的

confection/kən'fek.ʃən/: n. (制作精美的) 甜点, 甜食

Today it appears on Italian menus everywhere, from the **trattorias** and **ristoranti** of Venice to **red-sauce joints** of Boston's North End. But the **supposed** Italian classic probably dates back only as far as the 1960s. The name means "pick me up" in Italian: Ada Campeol, an exhausted young mother and owner of Le Beccherie restaurant in Veneto in northern Italy, is said to have <u>come up with</u> the dessert. Others **credit** Carminantonio lannaccone, an Italian chef who ran a bakery in Baltimore's <u>Little Italy</u> and brought the **recipe** with him to America.

如今,不论是威尼斯大大小小的本土餐馆,还是波士顿北角的美式意大利餐

厅,世界各地的意大利菜单上都必然有着提拉米苏的身影。但是这道所谓的意大利经典菜品,只能追溯到 20 世纪 60 年代。在意大利语当中,(提拉米苏)这个名字的意思是"唤醒我":据说,是埃达·坎普尔首创了这道甜品,当时她是位疲惫不堪的年轻母亲,同时还身兼贝切里餐厅的店主,这家店开在意大利北部的威尼托。另外还有说法表示,这道甜品出自卡迈安东尼奥·伊安纳康之手,他是巴尔的摩小意大利区一家面包店的意大利主厨,是他把提拉米苏的食谱带到了美国。

trattoria/trat:o'ria/: n. 意大利餐馆(廉价小饭馆)

英文释义: traditional, family-owned, rustic eateries

ristorante/risto'rante/: n. (正式、高档的) 意大利餐馆

相关词汇:ristoranti (复数形式)

相关词汇:elegant (adj. 优雅的) ,sophisticated (adj. 精致的)

red-sauce joints of Boston's North End: 波士顿北角的红酱餐厅(美式意大利餐厅)

red-sauce: 红酱/红烩汁

red-sauce 在美式意大利菜中占有举足轻重的地位; 相比之下,在意大利本土,厨师更注重对 食物本身的处理。故此处,作者以 red-sauce 指代美式意大利菜式。

joint/dʒɔlnt/: n. 公共场所(尤指价格低廉的饮食和娱乐场所)

词性拓展: joint (adj. 联合的,共同的)

搭配短语:a fast food joint 快餐店

Boston's North End: 波士顿北角

波士顿北角(又称"北端"、"北区"等)为全美最大的 意大利移民聚居地之一。此处散布着自由 之路的保罗 里维尔之屋、老北教堂以及邦克山纪念碑等景点,充 满意大利特色。

supposed: adi.所谓的;误认为的;

例句:when did this supposed accident happen? 这场所谓的事故发生在什么时候?

come up with: 做出;拿出;想到

credit/'kred.lt/: v. 把…归功于,认为是…的功劳

近义词:attribute

例句: Others attribute the dessert to Carminantonio lannaccone.

词义辨析: credit, attribute

两者意思相近,均有"归功"意,但在用法上并不相同:credit 后往往跟人,即「credit sb.」,表示"归功于某人",而 attribute 往往需搭配介词to,即「attribute sth. to sb.」,表示"将某事归功于某人"。

Little Italy: 小意大利

Little Italy 为通用名称,指在大城市中的"小意大利"。这起源于旧时的移民,现用来泛指意大利人聚居的地方;通常在市区,建设均颇具意大利特色。

recipe/'r&sɪpi/: 食谱

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但不论提拉米苏源起何处,想必世界各地心力交瘁的父母们,都对它有着同样的切身体会:咖啡因和糖分的"慷慨"登场,有着提神醒脑的功效。制作提拉米苏的第一步是准备萨佛拉蒂饼干,这种意大利手指饼干松松脆脆,能立马吸收各种汁水。用浓缩咖啡和白兰地、马萨拉酒或朗姆酒,将它浸软(但不至于呈浆糊状),即可得到这道甜点深色的"灵魂"。

shattered/'fæt.ad/: adj. 疲劳的,筋疲力尽的(=exhausted)

词性拓展: shatter (v. 破裂, 破碎)

attest/ə'test/: v. 证明;表明

相关词汇:test(n. 测试)

近义词:show, prove

revive/rl'valV/: v. (使)复苏, (使)恢复精力 词性拓展:reviving(adj. 提神的) 近义

词:refreshing

词根词缀:re-(表示"再次")

词根词缀:vive(表示"活着、有生命力的

状态")

相关词汇: survive (v. 存活)

lavish/'læv.lʃ/: adj. 大量的;给人印象深刻的

近义词:large

英文释义: large in amount, or impressive

savoiardi biscuits: 手指饼干

savoiardi biscuits 在意大利语中意为"萨伏依的饼干"。萨伏依(Savoia)为意大利萨丁尼亚王国的前身,于 1416 年创立,1720 年灭亡。相传在 15 世纪,萨伏依王室的御厨创造了这款点心,以招待远道而来的法国国王。随着贵族间的通婚,它也渐渐在欧洲各国流传开来。后来,由于其酷似手指的外形和独特的柔软口感,它在英语中得名为 sponge finger(海绵手指)。

crumbly/'krʌm.bəl.i/ adj. 易碎的,脆的

近义词: crispy

flavour: 味道; 气味

[British]: flavour

[US]: flavor

sodden/'sa:.dən/: v. 使浸湿,使湿透mushiness/'mʌʃ.i.nəs/: n. 糊状;黏稠

词性拓展:mushy(adj. 黏稠的)

英文释义: soft, wet and unpleasant

espresso:浓缩咖啡;黑咖啡

brandy: 白兰地酒 marsala: 玛萨拉酒

rum: 朗姆酒

Layers of <u>zabaglione</u> – <u>mascarpone</u> <u>whipped</u> up with eggs and sugar to <u>a light custard</u> – <u>provide contrast</u>. <u>A thick dusting of cocoa finishes it off</u>, like **moleskin** on the **tongue**. The perfect way to **seduce** anyone.

接着,将马斯卡彭芝士与鸡蛋以及砂糖打发至松软的糊状,制成沙巴翁,层层铺在饼干上下,与之相映衬。最后,再厚厚地撒上一层可可粉即可完工, 形成绵密的口感,不愧为让人神魂颠倒的不二之选。

layer: n.层

zabaglione:沙巴雍(同"萨芭翁"、"沙巴翁")

zabaglione 是一道以鸡蛋为主的意大利甜点,由鸡蛋、糖以及酒等制成。传统的沙巴雍是以 Marsala Wine 马萨拉白葡萄酒(一种深色、半甜味的葡萄酒) 制作而成的。

mascarpone (马斯卡彭奶酪)

mascarpone 的做法是:将新鲜牛奶发酵凝结,继而取出部分水分;其质地的软硬程度介于鲜奶油与奶油 乳酪之间,常用于披萨及蛋糕的烘焙。

whip/wlp/: v. 搅打(奶油或蛋清使成糊状);抽打

词性拓展:whip(n. 鞭子)

a light custard: 一层松松的卡仕达酱 custard/'kʌs.tad/: n. 卡仕达酱,吉士酱

文化拓展: custard 应用非常丰富,除了可以作为面包表面的装饰,还可以作为内馅。

相关短语:Steamed Creamy Custard Bun(奶黄包)

provide contrast: 形成对比

a thick dusting of: 一层厚厚的粉

finish off:结束;完成

近义词:finish up

moleskin/'moʊl.skln/: n. 鼹鼠皮;仿鼹鼠皮布料,厚毛头斜纹棉布

英文释义: a thick cotton cloth with a soft surface

tongue/tʌŋ/: n.舌头

seduce: v.引诱

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