

It's Valentine's Day tomorrow. It's the strangest thing. I'm usually not one to celebrate or **make a big deal out of** (小題大作) Valentine's Day but this year I am starting to see why it might be important for some people. But before I go into my own story, I'm gonna tell you two proposal stories. 我們先來聽兩個求婚的故事。

The first one is from Jay Shetty's new book, 8 Rules of Love. For Radhi, his girlfriend at the time, he planned this really elaborate proposal. He had the flowers, the horse carriage, the band and the picnic. She seemed really happy but when they were on their way to see Radhi's parents, she started **breaking out in hives**(出疹子). Turned out she was allergic to horses.

所以 Jay 準備了一個夢幻的求婚儀式，有花，有馬車，還有野餐跟伴奏。但是結果像電影搞笑片，他的女朋友卻對馬產生嚴重過敏。等他們回到 Radhi 的家時，他爸媽直接問：“What is wrong with your face? 你的臉是怎麼了？”

When Jay reflected on that day, he realized Radhi doesn't even care for **grand gestures**(盛大的姿態). She loves food and her family. Instead of making sure the food was great and that her family were there to witness the big moment, he had planned this **cookie-cutter**(制式、沒創意) proposal that he thought every woman wanted.

Jay 他後來才發現其實對 Radhi 而言，以一個完美的求婚儀式來說，好吃的素食和家人的參與才是最重要的，但這些卻是 Jay 花最少心思的部分。

第二個故事是美國前總統 Obama 跟他老婆 Michelle 求婚的故事。他們當天是去餐廳吃飯，感覺就是很一般的約會。然後 Obama 忽然聊起他對婚姻的看法，而且他是選弊多於利的立場。大家可能不知道 Obama 和 Michelle 都是有律師背景的。他們打情罵俏的方式就是抬槓，所以當 Michelle 還滔滔不絕的說結婚有多好啊，服務生悄悄的端上了甜點。一開始 Michelle 還沒發現，盤子上裝的是個小盒子，裡面是求婚戒指。When Michelle finally looked down and saw the box, **without missing a beat** (立馬), Obama went, “that ought to shut you up woman.”

其實比較這兩個故事，我們馬上可以感覺的出來，Jay 給 Radhi 的是他覺得每個女生都會想要的求婚。但是 Obama 給 Michelle 的是他覺得 Michelle 會想要的求婚。Big difference.

Okay now I'm gonna go into why I feel differently about Valentine's Day this year. Because of Covid, before heading back to the US last year in October, Scott and I hadn't seen each other for almost three years. When I was there, It was kinda crazy how quickly we settled into a life of routines and chores. It was like we had to take care of this for the house and do this for his mom...

我一開始也沒說什麼，因為我知道他去年照顧生病的媽媽很辛苦。都說兩個人在一起久了就是柴米油煙醬醋茶，慶祝特別節日是為了提醒對方不能忘記珍惜彼此。如果連特別的節日都不放在心上了，那生活中的小細節就更不用說了。兩個人的相處越來越像室友，沒有了心靈的交流。

If you're in a long term relationship, instead of **going through the motions (機械式的生活)**, you can use Valentine's Day to reflect on your interactions with your partner.

- Are there things he or she used to do for you but hasn't been doing for a while now? (有沒有什麼是他之前都會幫你做的，但是已經很久沒有了。像是睡前按摩，或是在經期時幫你買巧克力。)
- Does he or she always seem to prioritize work or other relationships over you? (他是不是常常把工作或是和他人的關係放在你們之前。)
- Most importantly, does he or she make you smile? Does he or she make you laugh still? Do you enjoy each other's company? (你們還喜歡和對方嗎？)

愛和喜歡是不一樣的。你可以愛一個人，但是慢慢的不喜歡他，昇華成家人的概念。這樣的關係對有些人來說是 okay 的。但對有些人來說就不行。For some people it's important to stay in love and that requires a lot of work and communication. I saw this quote the other day that I wanna share with you guys, "you're replaceable at work but you shouldn't be replaceable at home."

The person you marry is the person you're spending the majority of your life with. Choose carefully. Be true to your needs. Take care to honor your partner's needs.

Next up, we have our active listening exercise with Scott:

During a live demonstration last week, Google's AI chatbot, named BARD, provided an incorrect answer to a direct question. The mistake resulted in **tumbling stock prices** (**tumbling** 是滾的意思, 在這裡指下滑) and lost market value in excess of \$100 billion dollars. But how could one mistake prove so expensive for Google?

The AI industry is **white hot** (**火熱**) right now, and everyone — from corporations to individuals — is trying to **get a piece of the action** (**從中獲利**).

Unless you've been **living under a rock** (**不問世事**) for the last few months, you have heard and seen AI being talked about everywhere. What it can do; how it will impact the workforce, eliminating and creating new jobs; how it is helping kids cheat by writing their essays for them; and AI that can generate beautiful art in a few seconds.

Probably the most **buzzworthy** (**轟動**) of all has been ChatGPT, a language learning model AI developed by OPENAI.

In January, Microsoft announced a new multi-year investment deal with OPENAI worth around 10 billion dollars. They have been investing in OPENAI since 2019.

Their goal is to get ahead of Google and their other major rivals and **lead the pack** (**領先**) in AI.

The reason is obvious — Numbers.

In its first two months online, Chatgpt reached over 100 million monthly active users. It grew users faster than any other site before it — faster than Instagram, faster than Tiktok.

Just a few weeks after the news of the investment deal was reported, the partnership has already moved on to the next phase. Last week Microsoft debuted a brand new Bing — their search engine rival to Google — now with integrated Chatgpt technology. Interest was so strong that Microsoft had to close new sign-ups and create a waiting list for potential new users. In just 48 hours, a million people were on the waiting list.

All of this led Google last week to host that **doomed (注定完蛋)** live demonstration of their own AI Chatbot, Bard. During the event, Bard was asked a question about NASA's new James Webb Telescope, which itself was in the news several times throughout 2022. Specifically, the question asked of Bard was, "What new discoveries by the James Webb Telescope can I tell my nine year old about?"

Although Bard correctly suggested a couple such discoveries, it then made a glaring error. Bard said that the James Webb Telescope had taken the first photos of exoplanets — planets outside of our own solar system, orbiting some distant sun. But exoplanets were first photographed in 2004, more than a decade and a half ago.

The following day, after that one mistake, Google stock tumbled more than 7%, and ultimately more than \$100 billion dollars of market value was erased.

By contrast, Microsoft saw their stock rise nearly 5% following presentations connected with its recent announcement regarding ChatGPT integration with Bing.

It's far too early to suggest one company or AI model has an edge over another, but one thing is for sure: AI technology has arrived and is certain to dominate the news in 2023.

Back to you, Su.

Did you guys catch all that? Ready for a quiz?

1. What was the question Bard answered incorrectly?

The answer is, "What new discoveries by the James Webb Telescope can I tell my nine-year-old about?"

Bard 回答 James Webb Telescope had taken the first photos of exoplanets (JWT 拍了系外行星的第一張照片)...But exoplanets were first photographed in 2004, more than a decade and a half ago. (但是系外行星的第一張照片是在 2004 拍到的。)

受到 Microsoft 和 OpenAI 的刺激, Google 也秀一下他們的人工智能 Bard, 結果 Bard 的失誤卻讓他們的股票大跌。有時候太關注競爭者的腳步, 會害自己跌個狗吃屎。Google is still my favorite search engine. 他們可以不用太緊張。但是 Bing 結合 ChatGPT 到底是什麼樣子我也很好奇。目前想要試用的好朋友只能跟我一樣加入 waiting list。