

《理工男的春天？程序员越来越受欢迎成理想男票！》

导读:随着最近日剧《逃避可耻但有用》的爆红，女性们逐渐意识IT男的优势，浓浓的安全感和与众不同的浪漫使得他们成为了妹子们的“理想男票”。



Curled up on her sofa, Sophie Qi, a 28-year-old HR manager, could not turn her gaze away from the TV. The Japanese drama *We Married as a Job* had her hanging on every word and movement.

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The show's greatest appeal for her is its hero named Hiramasa Tsuzaki, a 36-year-old single man who works in the information technology (IT) industry.

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"If only I could have an IT man just like him as my boyfriend," she said wistfully.

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The term IT men refers to male professionals working in China's IT industry who spend most of their time dealing with computers or other digital gadgets. They are often depicted as boring, stiff and not good at face-to-face communication with people, especially women, which makes it hard for a lot of them to find a girlfriend.

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According to a November 2012 report on news portal sina.com, there is a high degree of probability that men working in the IT industry will remain single. Apart from the pervasive stereotypes of them, a lack of female employees in the industry is another cause for their romantic predicament, as they hardly have any chance meeting a partner on or off the job.

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However, recently, like Tsuzaki in the drama, IT men seem to have risen in status. They are growing increasingly popular, as a greater number of women are beginning to realize their strengths and consider them ideal romantic partners. Experts say, their growing popularity reflects women's changing perception of what an ideal romantic partner should be.

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Sence of security

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Qi does not have any male friends who work in the IT industry; neither has she ever dated one before. She learned about them from watching the Japanese drama and searching online. She found that they often work overtime, and many of them work from 9 am to 9 pm six days a week or the 996 schedule.

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"They barely have any time to hang out, which means they are less likely to meet a lot of women," she said. "So, wouldn't their girlfriend feel very secure?"

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For Qi, this kind of scenario is a plus. She conceded that if she got married to a man whose work involved constantly dealing with female customers or cooperating with female colleagues, she might be anxious and worried, especially as she gets older.

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Julie Liu, a 32-year-old employee at a State-owned enterprise, agreed. She said a sense of security was the main reason she married her husband, who has been working in the IT industry for over seven years.

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Liu met her husband five years ago when he was 28. "He never dated anyone before me, because he had no idea as to how to chase after girls," she said.

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A different kind of romance

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Before Liu started dating her husband, she thought that being romantic was all about sending flowers, cooking dinner, holding hands, writing or texting lover letters and so on. Her husband changed her understanding of romance. She found that he had his own definition of romance, and she rather liked it.

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She said when her husband committed himself to her the first time, the words did not come from his lips but from the screen of a computer with the help of a program he had been working on for days.

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"The three words (I love you) popped up on the screen when I least expected them. It never came to me that he would confess his feelings in this way," she said. "It made me feel very special."

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When she got curious and asked how he did it, she was overwhelmed at the sight of the pages of densely typed codes that made his confession possible.

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"I was touched by his effort. I realized that he put a lot of thought into it," she said.

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Liu's husband even developed a program for her to "bully" him where she could choose from a list of things to do to make fun of him, such as tickling him or putting her ice-cold feet on his stomach.

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She never expected that her husband would not only endure her childish playfulness but also go to lengths to help her play jokes on him.

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"It felt so romantic," she said.

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