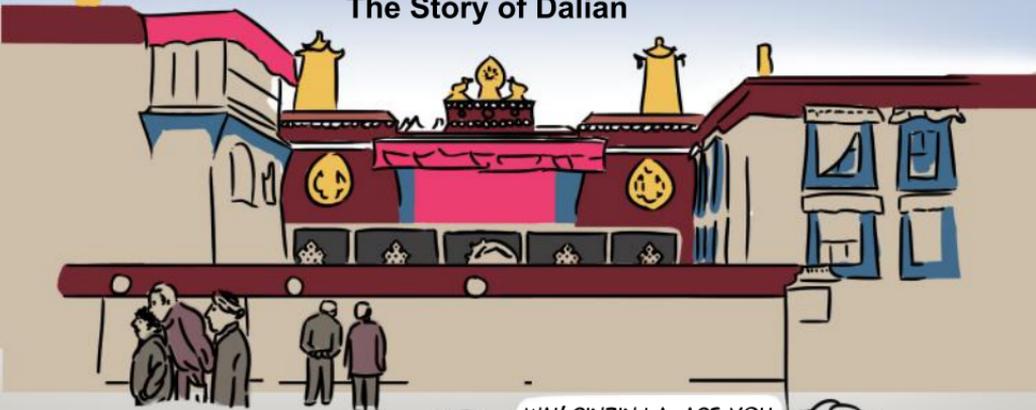


TOUGH AS POTATOES

The Story of Dalian



TASHI DELEK, JHOLA RINZIN LA!
HOW MUCH FOR POTATOES THIS WEEK?

WAI! RINZIN LA, ARE YOU SLEEPING?

THACK!

OH!



DID YOU HEAR
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
IN DALIAN?



WELL, I
REALLY
JUST
WANTED TO
BUY SOME
POTATOES.
MY
DAUGHTER
WILL BE
HOME ANY
MINUTE...



OH, MAYBE YOU COULD TELL
JI'EME. LOOK HERE HE COMES!



HOW ARE
THE
APPLES
LOOKING
TODAY?
NICE AND
RIPE?



WOW



OH, I SEE YOU HAVE A
NEWSPAPER THERE, RINZIN
LA. I'LL COME BACK
ANOTHER TIME!



ANOTHER
TIME?

ANOTHER TIME, YOU'LL HAVE MISSED THE WHOLE MOVEMENT. CHANGE IS COMING, I TELL YOU. THE PEOPLE ARE RISING UP. EVEN THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE ANGRY.



WHY ARE THEY ANGRY?



TOO MANY PEOPLE STEALING APPLES.



PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE WEAK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.



BUT IN DALIAN, THE PEOPLE JUST FORCED A CHEMICAL FACTORY TO SHUT DOWN.

TAKE A LOOK YOURSELF.



WHAT ELSE DOES IT SAY IN THAT NEWSPAPER?



WOW! THIS HAPPENED JUST THIS PAST WEEKEND.

"AFTER TROPICAL STORM MUJIFA BROKE THE DIKE DAMAGED THE HOLDING TANKS AT THE FUJIA CHEMICAL PLANT, RESIDENTS OF DALIAN GREW WORRIED ABOUT LEAKS..."

SEE THAT PART DOWN THERE.

REALLY? I HEARD THERE'S A FACTORY COMING TO OUR NEARBY COUNTY. MY RELATIVES ARE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IT'LL DO TO THE WATER.



OH, I HEARD THAT TOO. SO HOW DID THEY DO IT, RINZIN LA? OVER THERE IN DALIAN?

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED! WELL, AS JIGME SAID, THE DIKE BROKE AND THE GOVERNMENT SAID THAT THE BOARD GUARD CLEANED UP EVERYTHING AND THAT NO CHEMICALS ESCAPED



BUT YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WERE SKEPTICAL. VERY SKEPTICAL.

OF COURSE. BUT WHAT COULD THEY DO?

THEY WENT TO THAT WHITE BOX ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE USING THESE DAYS--



YOU MEAN A COMPUTER?

YES, AND THEY STARTED TALKING TO EACH OTHER ON THERE.

THERE WAS A CCTV SHOW IN THE WORKS ABOUT DANGEROUS PROJECTS IN DALIAN. BUT THEN IT WAS CANCELLED SUDDENLY. SO A LOCAL TELEVISION HOST SPOKE OUT PUBLICLY ABOUT THE CANCELLATION.



THEY TRIED TO SHUT DOWN HIS PRESENCE IN THE WHITE BOX SO THAT HE COULDN'T SAY MORE. BUT THEN HE FOUND OTHER WAYS TO SPEAK ON THERE. BUT YES, OTHER JOURNALISTS WHO WENT TO THE CHEMICAL PLANT WERE DETAINED.



THEN SOMEONE LEAKED AN OFFICIAL REPORT THAT THE FUJIA CHEMICAL PLANT HADN'T COMPLETED THEIR TESTS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THEIR PLANT. PEOPLE WERE STARTING TO GET ANGRY.

PEOPLE WERE LEARNING MORE AND MORE ABOUT THE CHEMICAL THAT THE FUJIA PLANT WAS MAKING. ITS NAME WAS PX AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S USED FOR MAKING PLASTIC BAGS AND BOTTLES, IT CAN ALSO CAUSE CANCER AND DAMAGE OUR ORGANS OR EVEN KILL US.



HOW FRIGHTENING!



GROUP STROLL
IN DALIAN
@ PEOPLE'S SQUARE
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SO ON AUGUST 13, JUST 5 DAYS AFTER THE DIKE BROKE, A POSTER STARTED APPEARING ACROSS THE WHITE BOXES, CALLING FOR EVERYONE TO GO FOR A "GROUP STROLL" THE NEXT DAY. THEY WERE TO MEET AT THE PEOPLE'S SQUARE AT 10 AM THAT SUNDAY AND "STROLL" TO THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

THE NEXT DAY, THERE WERE OVER 12,000 PEOPLE PEACEFULLY GATHERED OUTSIDE THE DALIAN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING. SOME SAY THERE WERE UP TO 70,000 PEOPLE THERE.



EVEN THOUGH THE RIOT POLICE CAME, AND THERE WERE A FEW SCUFFLES, THE MAJORITY OF THE PROTESTORS WERE DISCIPLINED IN THEIR NONVIOLENCE. THEY EVEN SANG THE CHINESE NATIONAL ANTHEM TO SHOW THEIR LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY.



PLEASE LEAVE THIS SITE NOW.
WE WILL CLOSE THE FUJIA
PLANT AFTER YOU LEAVE!



WHEN WILL YOU
CLOSE IT!? GIVE
US THE TIME!

YES!
TIME!

TIME! TIME!
TIME!



THE OFFICIALS DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT SUCH A LARGE SHOWING OF NONVIOLENT PEOPLE. SO THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY, TANG JUNG, GOT UP ON TOP OF A POLICE CAR AND BEGGED THE PEOPLE TO LEAVE. HE PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD CLOSE AND MOVE THE FUJIA PLANT.

BUT THE PEOPLE WOULDN'T BACK DOWN WITHOUT A DEFINITE PLAN. THEY CHANTED "TIME!" AND "WHEN WILL IT MOVE?," AND REFUSED TO LEAVE.



THE FUJIA PLANT HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN!

SO WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO CONCEDE, THE GOVERNMENT RELEASED AN OFFICIAL REPORT THAT NIGHT SAYING THAT THE FUJIA PLANT WOULD BE CLOSED IMMEDIATELY.



THE NEXT DAY, THE PLANT WAS CLOSED AND IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD BE MOVING OUT OF DALIAN ONCE AND FOR ALL.

YOU KNOW, RINZIN LA, I'M SURPRISED THAT WE NEVER EVEN HEARD ABOUT SUCH A VICTORY.

WELL, IT WASN'T EASY TO GET THIS INFO.



YOU KNOW, THE STATE IS STILL TRYING TO CENSOR RESULTS FOR "PX," "DALIAN," AND "DALIAN PROTESTS" IN THE WHITE BOX? BUT PEOPLE ARE STILL MANAGING TO GET AROUND THE CENSORS.



DALIAN PROTESTS

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YOUR SEARCH 'DALIAN PROTESTS' DID NOT MATCH ANY DOCUMENTS.

- MAKE SURE ALL WORDS ARE SPELLED CORRECTLY
- TRY DIFFERENT KEYWORDS.
- TRY MORE GENERAL KEYWORDS.

WELL, I'M OFF NOW! I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL MY BROTHER IN LAW ABOUT THIS VICTORY. IT'S HEARTENING TO THINK THAT OUR FRIENDS IN DALIAN HAVE FACED AND OVERCOME SUCH PROBLEMS.

LASO!



JIGME, YOU STILL WANT THIS APPLE?!