

Chloe's Roots

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Pitch:

How awesome would it have been, if I had recognized my culture as a thing to like and know more about?

As a teenager manga and webcomics were always very enjoyable for myself which in some occasions, something was always learnt from it. Vertical webcomic format will be my medium to influence teens and young adults on acculturation, I will offer my audience an exploration on my art style and enjoyment on my awesome story with the romance, slice of life and fantasy genre; A bonus will be the introduction of Chinese culture and some Chinese Mandarin vocabulary for fun and knowledge.



What is Webtoon?

WEBTOON is a platform that introduced a new way to create comics for anyone who has a story to tell, where thousands of creator-owner contents with unique and diverse visions from all over the world reside.

Vertical comic? How does that work?

"Unlike traditional comics which are meant to be read in a print format, WEBTOON is a mobile based platform, meaning that the content has been formatted to be read vertically. Through the vertical format, reading a WEBTOON series is meant to feel like a cinematic experience since the reader can only see one panel at a time instead of the entire page like a traditional print comic." (Webtoon, Creators Resource Handbook)



Summary:

Chloe is a teenage girl that dislikes her family's culture and traditions. One day she finds herself at the Lantern Festival, which is the last day of the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year). There she meets a friend that teaches her more things about her culture and guides her through the festival while having fun. However, this "friend" for some reason has something up his sleeve, will she be able to catch on and get home?

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DRIP



CHLOE, WE ARE MAKING 团圆 (Hing yuen) TOMORROW,

YOU SHOULD HELP ME OUT WITH...

DRIP

CHLOE!!! I'M NOT DONE TALKING TO YOU!!

UGH, YOU AND YOUR TRADITIONS!

COME BACK HERE NOW!

DRIP



NO MOM! MAKE 团圆 ALONE!

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HEY, WHO ARE YOU?



DRIP

I'M CHLOE NICE TO MEET YOU

CHESHIRE, NICE TO MEET YOU

WHERE ARE WE?



DRIP

AT THE 元宵節!

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IS HE... COSPLAYING OR SOMETHING?



I SEE...



BUT WHY AM I HERE?

!?



RUDE! WHERE DID HE GOT



HUH?

DRIP

DRIP



DRIP

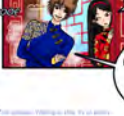


WOAH, AM I REALLY AT THE 元宵節?

!!!



IF YOU WANT TO CROSS THE THAT BRIDGE, YOU BETTER 留意!



!

OR THE LION GUARDS WILL NOT LET YOU THROUGH

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ARE YOU INSANE?

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET ON THOSE...



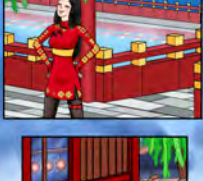
SHIFT CHLOE ON STILTS



WHAT?!



PHEW...



CHESHIRE WAIT!





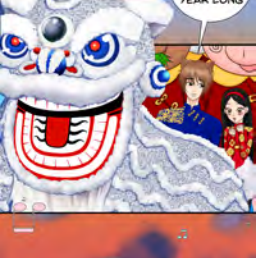
THAT IS THE 舞獅

THE MAIN ATTRACTION DURING THIS HOLIDAY

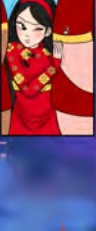


PEOPLE SAY IF YOU GET TO TOUCH IT'S TAIL

YOU WILL BE VERY LUCKY ALL YEAR LONG



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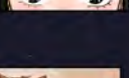


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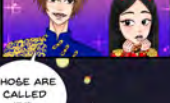
IT'S...

SO BLINDING!



VERY PRETTY AREN'T THEY?

AH, YES



THOSE ARE CALLED 灯笼 (Ding Tang)

LET'S GO SIT THERE

CONFES



CONFES



CONFES



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YOU KNOW

MOMMY REALLY LOVES OUR CULTURE'S TRADITIONS



WHY IS THAT MOMMY?

BECAUSE IS FUN TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER

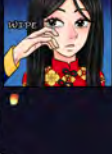
ME TOO MOMMY MEE TOO!



MOM... WE WERE TALKING AND I-



NO NEED TO CRY

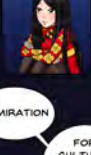
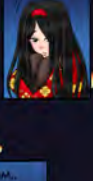


ARE YOU REFLECTING ON...

THE THINGS YOU SAID DURING YOUR ARGUMENT WITH YOUR MOM?



SO WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON IT NOW?



ADMIRATION

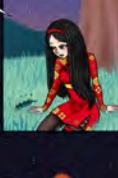
FOR CULTURES AND TRADITIONS



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I WAS HOPING YOU STILL HATED IT!

AND WHY IS THAT?



WELL...

FOR THE SAME REASON I KEEP APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING



AND THAT'S BECAUSE?



BECAUSE THEY EXCLUDED ME IN THEIR CHINESE ZODIAC

PFT!

HEY!

DONT LAUGH! IT'S VERY SERIOUS!

HAHAHA IT'S NOT!

STOP IT!

CAN YOU...

HELP ME GO BACK?



WHAT IF I SAY NO

SO I KEEP YOU HERE WITH ME?



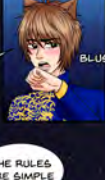
WHAT-

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING CHESHIRE?



IT WAS A JOKE!

WE'LL DO THE 猜灯谜 GAME!



BLUSH

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE

I WILL PICK A TOTAL OF 5 RIDDLES FOR YOU

YOU WILL GUESS THE ANSWERS BASED ON WHAT I HAVE TAUGHT YOU

IF YOU GUESS THEM ALL CORRECT THEN YOU CAN GO HOME



HOWEVER

IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO...



GGGP

I'M NOT SCARED



BRING IT ON!



ALL RIGHT...

YOUR FIRST RIDDLE...

WHAT DO YOU CALL THE ACTIVITY YOU DID WITH STICKS?

猜灯谜 (cāi dēng mí)

HOW DO YOU CALL THE SPRING FESTIVAL IN CHINESE?

元宵节 (yuán xiāo jié)

HOW DO YOU CALL THE LANTERNS IN CHINESE?

灯笼 (dēng long)

THEN HOW ABOUT THE LION DANCE?

舞狮 (wǔ shī)

WHAT IS THE DESERT THAT PEOPLE MUST HAVE DURING THIS FESTIVAL?

YOU DIDN'T TEACH ME THAT ONE...

GGRRR!



OH WELL

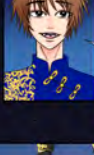
I GUESS THIS WAS TOO HARD FOR YOU

IT'S 红包 (dōng bāo)



GO, YOU DID TRY TO KEEP ME HERE

WHY THOUGH?



WHY YOU ASK?



FWIP

PLEASE EXCUSE ME

!!!



BLUSH





WHATEVER CULTURE YOU ARE PART OF,

IT'S OK TO EMBRACE ANY OF THEM ANYTIME.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO ADMIRE ANY OF THEM, OK?

THANK YOU

ALSO, CHIDE IT WAS HARD TO SAY EARLIER, BUT I REALLY LIKE YOU



MOM LET'S MAKE 汤圆 TOGETHER!

汤圆 MY GOOD DAUGHTER, COME ON, TIME TO START!



THE END

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING