The delivery man, a Chinese short story for HSK 2

Lín Fēng buys something online almost every day. Then, to save money, he buys nothing for a week, and his phone rings.

你在网上买东西吗？我天天买！我有一个快递的故事！
Nǐ zài wǎngshang mǎi dōngxi ma? Wǒ tiāntiān mǎi! Wǒ yǒu yí ge kuàidì de gùshi!
Do you buy things online? I do, every day! I have a story about deliveries!

我差不多每天都在网上买东西：英语书、鞋，还有厨房里用的东西。
Wǒ chàbuduō měi tiān dōu zài wǎngshang mǎi dōngxi: Yīngyǔ shū, xié, hái yǒu chúfáng lǐ yòng de dōngxi.
I buy something online almost every day: English books, shoes, and things for my kitchen.

我住六楼，没有电梯。可是送快递的小刘每次都送到我门口，我们很熟。
Wǒ zhù liù lóu, méiyǒu diàntī. Kěshì sòng kuàidì de Xiǎo Liú měi cì dōu sòng dào wǒ ménkǒu, wǒmen hěn shú.
I live on the sixth floor, and there is no elevator. But Xiǎo Liú, the delivery man, always brings my boxes to my door. We know each other well.

上个月，我看了看我的钱，不多了。我说：“这个星期，我什么都不买！”
Shàng ge yuè, wǒ kànle kàn wǒ de qián, bù duō le. Wǒ shuō: “Zhège xīngqī, wǒ shénme dōu bù mǎi!”
Last month I looked at my money. There wasn't much left. I said: “This week, I buy nothing!”

一个星期，我什么都没买。第七天，我的手机响了，是小刘。可是我没有快递啊！他为什么给我打电话？
Yí ge xīngqī, wǒ shénme dōu méi mǎi. Dì qī tiān, wǒ de shǒujī xiǎng le, shì Xiǎo Liú. Kěshì wǒ méiyǒu kuàidì a! Tā wèishénme gěi wǒ dǎ diànhuà?
For a whole week I bought nothing. On day seven my phone rang. It was Xiǎo Liú. But I had no box coming! Why was he calling?

他问：“林峰，你没事吧？你病了吗？”
Tā wèn: “Lín Fēng, nǐ méi shì ba? Nǐ bìng le ma?”
He asked: “Lín Fēng, are you OK? Are you sick?”

我说：“我很好啊！怎么了？”他说：“七天没有你的快递，我有点儿担心。”
Wǒ shuō: “Wǒ hěn hǎo a! Zěnme le?” Tā shuō: “Qī tiān méiyǒu nǐ de kuàidì, wǒ yǒudiǎnr dānxīn.”
I said: “I'm fine! Why?” He said: “Seven days and no boxes for you. I was a little worried.”

我说：“我没病，我是没钱了。”他说：“哦……那更麻烦了。”
Wǒ shuō: “Wǒ méi bìng, wǒ shì méi qián le.” Tā shuō: “Ò…… nà gèng máfan le.”
I said: “I'm not sick. I'm out of money.” He said: “Oh... that's worse.”

我笑了。可是我心里也很高兴。广州这么大，有一个人在担心我。
Wǒ xiào le. Kěshì wǒ xīn lǐ yě hěn gāoxìng. Guǎngzhōu zhème dà, yǒu yí ge rén zài dānxīn wǒ.
I laughed. But I was happy, too. Guǎngzhōu is so big, and someone in it was worried about me.

第二天，他拿着一个盒子来敲我的门。我说：“可是我什么都没买啊！”你猜，盒子里有什么？
Dì èr tiān, tā názhe yí ge hézi lái qiāo wǒ de mén. Wǒ shuō: “Kěshì wǒ shénme dōu méi mǎi a!” Nǐ cāi, hézi lǐ yǒu shénme?
The next day he knocked on my door with a box. I said: “But I didn't buy anything!” Guess what was in it?

他说：“我知道。这个是我送你的。”盒子里有六个橙子。
Tā shuō: “Wǒ zhīdào. Zhège shì wǒ sòng nǐ de.” Hézi lǐ yǒu liù ge chéngzi.
He said: “I know. This one is from me.” In the box there were six oranges.

他说：“我老家的。多吃水果，别买那么多鞋了。”
Tā shuō: “Wǒ lǎojiā de. Duō chī shuǐguǒ, bié mǎi nàme duō xié le.”
He said: “From my home town. Eat more fruit, and stop buying so many shoes.”

我太高兴了，想谢谢他。可是怎么谢呢？
Wǒ tài gāoxìng le, xiǎng xièxie tā. Kěshì zěnme xiè ne?
I was so happy. I wanted to thank him. But how?

我想到一个办法：我在网上买了一个大水杯。他每天在太阳下面跑来跑去。
Wǒ xiǎngdào yí ge bànfǎ: wǒ zài wǎngshang mǎile yí ge dà shuǐbēi. Tā měi tiān zài tàiyáng xiàmiàn pǎo lái pǎo qù.
I had an idea: I bought a big water bottle online. He runs around in the sun all day.

三天以后，小刘来敲门：“林峰！你又买东西了！有钱了？”
Sān tiān yǐhòu, Xiǎo Liú lái qiāo mén: “Lín Fēng! Nǐ yòu mǎi dōngxi le! Yǒu qián le?”
Three days later, Xiǎo Liú knocked on my door: “Lín Fēng! You're buying again! Got money now?”

我说：“有一点儿。”他把盒子给我，我又把盒子给了他。
Wǒ shuō: “Yǒu yìdiǎnr.” Tā bǎ hézi gěi wǒ, wǒ yòu bǎ hézi gěile tā.
I said: “A little.” He gave me the box, and I gave it back to him.

他问：“东西有问题吗？”我说：“没有。你打开看看，这个是给你的。”
Tā wèn: “Dōngxi yǒu wèntí ma?” Wǒ shuō: “Méiyǒu. Nǐ dǎkāi kànkan, zhège shì gěi nǐ de.”
He asked: “Is something wrong with it?” I said: “No. Open it. This one is for you.”

他打开盒子，看到了大水杯。他很高兴。
Tā dǎkāi hézi, kàndàole dà shuǐbēi. Tā hěn gāoxìng.
He opened the box and saw the water bottle. He was very happy.

然后他笑了，又说了一句话。你猜他说了什么？
Ránhòu tā xiào le, yòu shuōle yí jù huà. Nǐ cāi tā shuōle shénme?
Then he laughed and said one more thing. Guess what?

他说：“谢谢！可是我的礼物，是我自己拿上六楼的。”
Tā shuō: “Xièxie! Kěshì wǒ de lǐwù, shì wǒ zìjǐ ná shàng liù lóu de.”
He said: “Thank you! But I carried my own gift up six floors.”

Words in the story

在网上买
zài wǎngshang mǎi
to buy online

快递
kuàidì
a delivery, a parcel

送快递的
sòng kuàidì de
delivery man

差不多
chàbuduō
almost

厨房
chúfáng
kitchen

六楼
liù lóu
the sixth floor

电梯
diàntī
elevator

门口
ménkǒu
the door, the doorway

熟
shú
to know each other well

响
xiǎng
to ring

担心
dānxīn
to worry

麻烦
máfan
trouble; troublesome

盒子
hézi
box

橙子
chéngzi
orange

老家
lǎojiā
home town

办法
bànfǎ
a way, an idea

水杯
shuǐbēi
water bottle, cup

太阳
tàiyáng
the sun

礼物
lǐwù
gift

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