

Life in New York

I rent a house near my school and there is a hospital around. So I can hear the alarm of ambulance all the time. It is pretty scary at first but you will get used to it for there are really too many ambulances come and go.

The restaurant here is not that cheap for the labor here is expensive. The exchange rate between RMB and dollars are about 6.8, which means one dollar can exchange into 6.8 yuan. So, when the price of everything exchange into yuan, you will find that the money you pay is almost the same. So, food is really cheap for Americans for their work with so much higher salary.

BUT! With the expensive foods which made by chefs, how does it taste? Unfortunately, average. One of my friends who is working on her Doctor's Degree in New York told me that there can not be any foods that taste better than back in China. All I can do is mourning on myself and all Chinese who live here. It is a sad story but the good point is that everyone can cook well after years of study here.

When talking about America, people always mention drugs, guns and gangs, besides the Statue of Liberty, McDonalds, KFC, Hollywood. Is it really so dangerous here?

Unfortunately, you may be right. But it also depends on which street you live in. In China, if a robber shows up in one street, which usually means that streets near to that street is also not so safe. But things are different in the U.S. Their safety is divided by street. You are safe in this street but after walk a while, you are into a unsafe place. And it is hard to say but usually where the African American gathering together, it is best to never go there in all your life.

Sounds crazy, right? But in fact, it is not so serious. People are born here, grow up here, and get retired here. It is safe in general, but everyone should know that if the bad thing really happen, that will be really bad to you.

After talking about foods and safety, it comes to the house I live in. I rent a single room without bathroom in one big house. The house is owned by a sweet couple who are also Chinese and decided to stay in United States. There are total two floors in this house, the four of seven living rooms are on the second floor. One living room is located at the first floor which should have been a storage room but was changed into a little living room. Another two room is besides the entryway from the house. I think it is separated particularly for rent. The owners are kind and they do not interrupt us frequently.

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