

1: SparkNotes: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time: Themes

*The Curious Case of the Imaginary Tourist: And Other Unlikely Tales from a South African Traveller [David Muirhead] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers.*

She is also a regular panelist on the award-winning podcast, The Four Top. Here she shares her experience and journey with the interesting factor in Taiwanese cuisines: Each morning in Taipei, I make my way to a neighborhood coffee shop called The Folks, owned by a soft-spoken and gracious man named Tzuchi. I stumbled across his shop more than a year ago while wandering side streets. From my first sip of his espresso, I pegged Tzuchi as someone with a very refined palate. Over time, he has patiently steered me toward restaurants, food, and drink throughout Taiwan. His amusement is palpable, however, when I began to quiz him on Q. At the heart of most culinary endeavors is flavor. We look for a balance of salty and sweet, a gentle spike of acidity, maybe some chili-induced fire on the tongue. Q is a springy, chewy texture. All photos by Laura Russell

The mouth feel of a gummy worm would be the lowest form of Q. Or Taiwanese pork meatballs, sometimes called bouncy meatballs, entirely different from their tender Italian counterparts: The meatballs look like silly putty, and have nearly as much bounce. Some might call their texture rubbery, but in the most addictive way. My own initial reaction to Q was definitely not love at first sight. Even approachable boba pearls, the playfully slippery, resistant orbs of tapioca found at the bottom of sweet bubble tea, felt wrong at first, a creepy surprise jetting from the end of a comically fat straw. But as I grew to understand the true significance of Q, my attitude toward the sensation transformed. Identifying its common thread as a starchy element—usually glutinous rice flour, sweet-potato starch, or tapioca—that provides its telltale chewiness, I found myself enamored of warm, savory examples of Q, like meatballs and fish balls, crystal dumplings, and steamed sticky-rice cakes. I grew to seek out Q like a favored friend, pining for the texture itself rather than looking to satisfy flavor expectations. In Taipei, the quest for Q is not a challenge. But why settle for easy access? I am on a Q mission. We stroll across the street to the public market, where he assures me the bawan from one particular stand is also top notch. We approach the vendor, who acknowledges us with a quick glance. She fishes what looks like a squishy bun from a wok filled with barely simmering oil and places the bawan in a small bowl, tilting it back over the wok to drain away the excess liquid. She then grabs a pair of shears and snips the bawan into pieces, making tackling the chewy exterior a little easier. The bawan are steamed, followed by gentle oil poaching, or, depending on the region, sometimes fried at a higher temperature for a crisp crust. I love the bawan itself, essentially a shapeless blob of mochi-covered meat. The oil-poached version is soft and yielding, topped with a thick, sweet, gravy-like sauce, likely a nod to the sweeter cuisines of southern Taiwan.

An Iconic Dish On the outskirts of the Tonghua night market, a busy couple runs a nondescript corner noodle shop, working together for twelve hours a day in perfect synch. Prep work, taking orders, bussing tables: The calmness of the service belies the non-stop hustle that delivers it. The specialty here is Beef Noodle Soup, an iconic dish in Taiwan. I settle in at the counter and, with the assistance of a fellow customer, set about crafting the perfect bowl. Start with the beef broth. Here it is surprisingly clear, yet flavorful and full of body. The clarity of this broth sets it apart; most are murkier, delicious in a different way. Next, I choose my noodle. Near the stove lay perfect mounds of noodles, thick or thin. A quick dunk of the noodles in the swirling vat of boiling water allows time for perhaps my most serious decision: But no drama here or drawn out thought. My newfound friend grins at the decisiveness of my response, translates my order for me, and then goes on his way. Unlike most Q foods, which rely on an addition of starch for their consistency, beef tendon is uniquely Q by nature. An example of pure texture at its finest, beef tendon requires a bit of back-and-forth tugging to rip that first bite from the chopsticks. Once it hits your mouth, however, your efforts are rewarded through the discovery of gelatinous pockets of collagen, interspersed within the ropy tendon, that reveal themselves by slowly by melting over your tongue. The owners leave a jar of chili oil and a crock of pickled mustard greens on the table just in case, but I sense they know perfection has already been reached. Q of the Sea After consuming a steady diet of Q for the better part of a month, I start craving crunch. A tiny plate of cucumber salad catches my eye, gleaming in a cooler case outside a bustling restaurant near

Dihua Street. Stacked bins line the sidewalk, filled with thousands of perfectly rolled spheres of the house specialty, Fuzhou-style fish balls. I grab the cukes, and then head inside. Fish balls are a common and beloved source of Q in Taipei. The line moves fast and efficiently with no time for indecision. The fish balls, floating in a clear broth that tastes of celery leaves, look familiar, but one bite reveals a heavenly stuffing of pork and shallot. I close my eyes and appreciate the sensation as the textures unfold in my mouth, tender yet bouncy fish ball against crumbly pork, seemingly contradictory yet joining together as one of my all-time favorite bites of food. Could there be lard in the fish paste? My efforts to ascertain the answer are immediately shot down by the suspicious staff. The hunt for dessert Q begins with a friend of mine, local food expert Tina Fong, who guides me to a lively shaved ice shop called Longdu in the Wanhua district, founded nearly a century ago. I peer through the glass at a stunning spectrum of potential toppings, everything from barley to fresh mango, mung beans, peanuts, and more. The Q-adorned ice mountain is a stunning panoply of shapes and colors: The ice starts to melt as I futz around with my camera, trying in vain to capture the image. Once again, texture rules the experience. A bottle of the syrup rests on the counter for those who crave more sweetness, but enthusiastic consumers of Q are just looking for the chew. Taipei is a humblingâ€”if sometimes dauntingâ€”tapestry of eating experiences, and in my attempt to understand its complexities, I realize my quest for Q has just begun. Glaring omissions in my own search for Q abound. But these will have to wait for another day. Tonight, the kids want fried chicken. This article is reproduced with the kind permission from Laura Russell. It presents the opinion or perspective of the original author, which does not represent the standpoint of Commonwealth Magazine. Laura Russell is a writer and recipe developer based in Portland, Oregon. She is the author of *Brassicas*: Follow her on [Twitter](#) , [Instagram](#) , or see her [website](#). It does not represent the standpoint of Taiwan Scene.

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Shutterstock Eric's co-owner of the Perroquet Hotel in Port Au Prince, Haiti whom I befriended on a recent trip was drinking a Prestige stubby and packing back and forth, noticeably upset about his missing dog. Either way, he was gone and Eric was not happy about it. Port Au Prince is a big, crowded city where somehow everyone is connected. Eric knew it was only a matter of time before someone talked. There were a couple of informer types, the Haitian equivalents to Huggy Bear on Starsky and Hutch, lurking around the bar and having their people call their people so the dog could be located. A man named Jackson arrived at the bar and started speaking to the owner in a fast paced Creole. It turns out that the dog had been located and was being held for ransom. The guy with the dog would call and let Eric hear the animal bark or send you a bloody paw wrapped in plastic. I was invited to come along to help negotiate, and it was impossible to refuse. Each member of our party was each relegated to a different motorcycle taxi, and within seconds we were racing down backstreets to meet up with the dognappers. When we arrived at the spot, there were a handful of men standing outside a dirty mini-market. Haitians in general seem very friendly to me, but these guys looked like they were itching to do something mean to someone. I pulled out my phone to film myself narrating the story and one of them started shouting at me, thinking mistakenly that I was filming him. I set him straight but I could see them sizing me up, looking to see what I might have in my pockets or maybe if I was able to handle myself should something go down. There was a whole lot of talking, but no dog in sight. We got back on motorcycles and started heading back toward the hotel and suddenly stopped in the market area for no apparent reason. A Haitian market is like no other in the world. There are thousands of people selling and buying mangos, shoes, shirts and, as it turns out on this particular day, one dog. There he was, wagging his tail, oblivious to the intentions of his captors. It was Panda, the dog who bore not even the slightest resemblance to a panda. As a self-proclaimed journalist, I did what any other journalist would do: The dog was sitting on a little table and being roughly handled. There were piles of trash heaped next to the curb with flies buzzing around and typhoid in the air. Suddenly the dognapper saw me filming Panda, and he went ballistic. He was more than agitated and speaking loudly to my motorcycle taxi driver. The situation seemed to be escalating quickly. He was speaking Creole, and I understood that he was talking about my video. Then I noticed he was holding a knife. He looked like he was trying to hide it, which made it doubly scary. Suddenly, one of his minions came over to me and said that he wanted me to come over. I imagined several scenarios, none of them pleasant for me. In addition to mangoes and shoes, it turns out, one can buy all kinds of random hardware at these crowded markets. I noticed a big, slightly rusted machete for sale at the kiosk next to me. I went from vulnerable tourist to Buford Pusser in 30 seconds. Why did I buy a machete? It protects them from monsters under the bed and imaginary pirates. However, there are real pirates in Haiti and even though I had no intention of threatening anyone, I felt like that there was less of a chance that anyone would mess with a sea urchin over a starfish. I now had spikes. The men had thought that they were dealing with a typical tourist that would be intimidated by a show of force. They were partially right. I could see them out of the corner of my eye. It became clear that they were not going to chase after me and risk having a hand chopped off for a video clip. We walked through the crowd like Moses parting the Red Sea. What exactly happened after my machete purchase is a little bit of a mystery. As we approached the hotel we saw Panda arriving with one of the motorcycle drivers. Somehow, the hostage situation had magically disappeared. Panda was happy no matter who was holding him, but seemed especially joyous when reunited with his rightful owners. Had the captors had a change of heart? Did they think a crazy man was going to kill their family with a machete?

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In a page PDF, the two chemists at the Indian Institute of Science laid out measurements that indicated the pellets could conduct electricity perfectly at temperatures as warm as degrees Fahrenheit. If the unconfirmed claims are real, this is “to borrow a technical term” bonkers. It would completely reinvent our electricity infrastructure. Claims of this magnitude do not go unnoticed. Thapa and Pandey posted their PDF on arXiv, the website where physicists and other experts upload new work in advance of peer review, to encourage public discussion. In the three and a half weeks since, that discussion has erupted with excitement, profuse skepticism and drama. Ganapathy Baskaran, for one, was inspired. Although gold and silver are not superconductors on their own, Baskaran wrote up a report drawing on his previous research to explain why a mosaic of them could be. He uploaded his take just two weeks after the original report posted. But Baskaran was too excited about the results to hold back. Others were more skeptical. When the paper first posted in late July, it surprised everybody at a physics conference in Mohali, India, says Pratap Raychaudhuri, a physicist at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in India, one of the conference organizers. Organizers arranged a special session to discuss the report and invited the authors, who declined to attend. Skinner, too, felt the cool buzz of anticipation at MIT. At first, the measurements looked convincing, he says. Often, theoretical physicists draw inspiration for new projects by looking for unexpected patterns in experimental noise. And a suspicious pattern he found. In one figure, the authors show several measurements of how their sample repels magnetic fields, a hallmark of superconductivity. Skinner noticed that the noise on two independent measurements followed the same dips and rises. The two measurements were unrelated “so why should the noise be so similar between the two curves? He just wants them to explain the weird near-duplicate noise. Initially hesitant to publicize his finding, Skinner posted it on arXiv and tweeted about it after discussing it with colleagues. He posted a potential explanation for the noise on Facebook: But in the midst of the discussion, both Raychaudhuri and Skinner started receiving strange online correspondence. A senior colleague e-mailed Raychaudhuri asking him to stop criticizing the authors on social media. Later, Raychaudhuri noticed that the e-mail was actually sent by an impostor “his colleague had never sent the message. Meanwhile, both he and Skinner received Facebook friend requests from someone named Wiles Licher, the same name associated with the bogus email. Skinner suspects the e-mail impostor is probably just a troll. Since he began posting about this, his Twitter following has ballooned tenfold and counting. On Tuesday, Skinner asked his followers how he could turn off some of his notifications to stem the tide of tweets. The social media intrigue is a distraction, and the scientific mystery remains. And the public discussion is still missing two important voices: Skinner has privately corresponded with the authors and says they stand by their claims. According to Raychaudhuri, the authors have submitted their work to Nature, which forbids them from talking to the media before the paper is published. He has called for them to respond to the criticism and to share their samples so other experimentalists can replicate their results. The same could happen now.

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Anyway, when Girly first made her non appearance in our lives it was through phone calls on toy cellphones. We would pretend to talk to Girly as well and it was all cool. I found out about poor Girlys untimely demise while we were playing outside. It was a lovely sunny afternoon, blue skies with puffy white clouds. Amidst my sputtering and mild freak out, I asked what happened to poor Girly. Turns out she was getting too old so they killed her. Why did she have to die for being old? How did they kill her?? When did this happen?? I should mention at this point that my child does not like any old people except her grandparents. The sight of wrinkly skin makes her angry and she throws the stink eye at pensioners with zero hesitation. Since that first horrific discovery, Girly has died a few more times. She has been really sick. She ate something bad. She was eaten by a tiger. Once, while getting off the car, completely out of the blue, I heard from the back seat: Her mother died too?? Now the freakshow that is Girly has become a running joke between my husband and I. Going outside at night? Watch out for Girly! Heard a funny noise? Was that the tap? Girly must be thirsty. Ok never mindâ€¦ P.

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