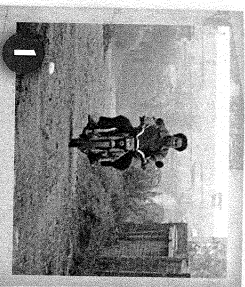


WHAT I LEARNED ON THE INTERNET



1 Early dawn, starts the day by riding around to collect dead chicken



2 Asking around for dead chicken



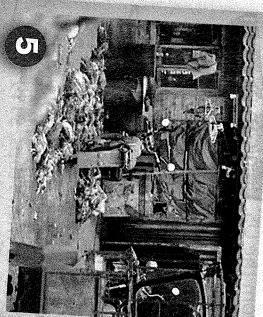
3 Total of 5 riders are hired by the boss to farms to buy dead chicken



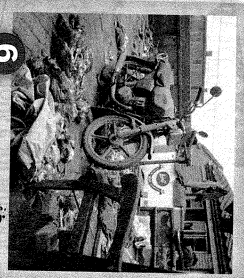
4 A dead chicken cost 1 RMB and would be sold at 9 RMB after processing

Don't eat chicken in China

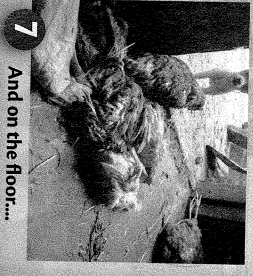
An e-mail's been going round recently warning against eating charcoal roasted chicken in China. We don't know the validity of the accusations involved, but we're printing the pictures and the unintentionally hilarious accompanying text in its entire and original state. We do this because we care. We don't want you eating bad food and we don't want you using bad English.



5 Storage for the dead chicken in the court yard...



6 ...carcasses are thrown everywhere



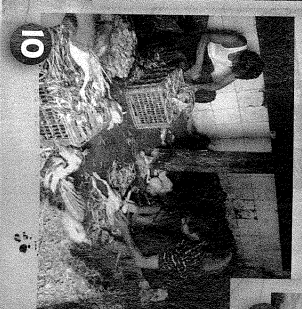
7 And on the floor...



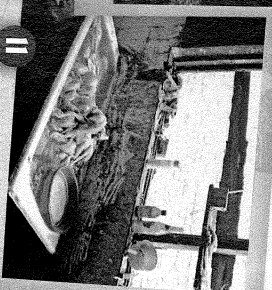
8 4 employees start de-feathering the dead fowl after soaking in boiling water from a rusty wok



9 Enduring the pungent odour, but sometime, it get so terrible that even the most experienced of the workers would puke



10 Workers rushing to get the chicken de-feathered



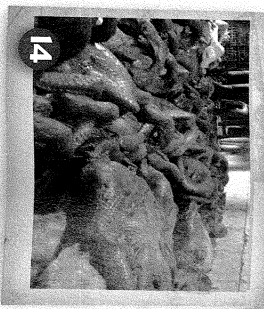
11 A discarded bath tub being used to soak the bare skin dead chicken ... the contaminated water would have accelerated the decomposition process



12 Wearing slippers walking among the chicken before colouring processing



13 After the colour dye, its creepy to find that they are quite tenderising



14 And now presenting the mouth watering Charcoal Roasted Chicken!

Moral of the story: Switch to being vegetarian, pay attention during English lessons in school, and avoid China completely if possible.

FASHION STYLE TIP



HOW TO LOOK LIKE KAREN MOK

There's a new, painless way to emulate Karen's sassy, smart modern-woman nous. It involves neither electrolysis to raise your hairline nor an accumulation of bed sores as you heal from leg extension surgery. It's now as easy as slipping on this pretty timepiece from Solvil et Titus, for which she is the new spokesperson. This girly chronograph with crystals and mother-of-pearl (\$389) is so luxe (and affordable), we'd get it even if stylo Karen weren't a fan. Just strap the watch on, close your eyes, use your imagination, and hide every mirror in the house. Ta da — you're Karen Mok!

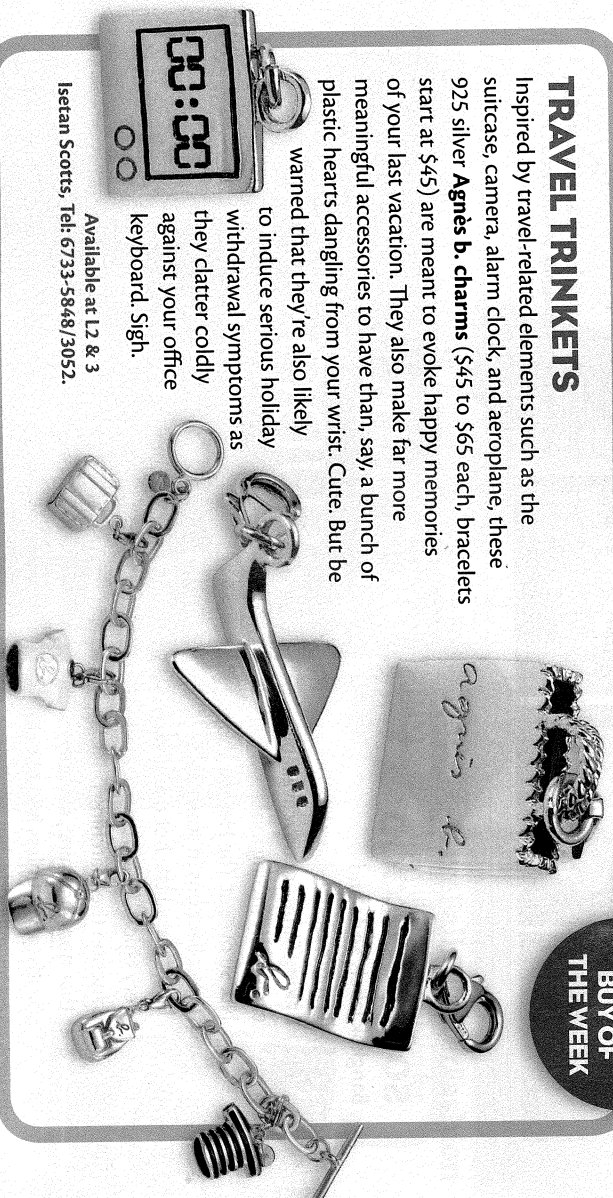
Available at all City Chain outlets islandwide.



TRAVEL TRINKETS

Inspired by travel-related elements such as the suitcase, camera, alarm clock, and aeroplane, these 925 silver *Agnès b. charms* (\$45 to \$65 each, bracelets start at \$45) are meant to evoke happy memories of your last vacation. They also make far more meaningful accessories to have than, say, a bunch of plastic hearts dangling from your wrist. Cute. But be warned that they're also likely to induce serious holiday withdrawal symptoms as they clatter coldly against your office keyboard. Sigh.

Available at L2 & 3
Isetan Scotts, Tel: 6733-5848/3052.



* ACCESSORY BUY OF THE WEEK

ENGLISH GET IT RIGHT

Discreet / Discrete

To be "discreet" is to be prudent, cautious, or modest. To be "discrete" is to be separate or individually distinct.

- ✓ Hollywood's bad girls don't bother being discreet about their drunken, pervy escapades.
- ✓ Even though are often mentioned in the same breath, Paris, Britney and Lindsay operate as discrete, trailer-trash entities.