

# GINSENG FOR THE WAGE EARNER'S SOUL

## 上班族人蔘：固本培元養氣 滋補職場聖典

*Sharp illustrations and tongue-in-cheek narrative offer a bitter laugh to all those who grind on the daily 9-to-5, as Pony Pei narrates the ups and downs of the office worker's daily struggle.*

Deadlines. Email. Clients. Overtime. Unpaid overtime. And worst of all? Bosses. Every white-collar office worker knows the old saying “the workplace is a war zone,” and they know exactly why. Surviving the office jungle will always give you the fight of your life, and Pony Pei describes it in *Ginseng for the Wage Earner's Soul* in every bitter detail.

Several years of working at a design firm gave Pony Pei a front-row seat to the tangled world of office work. She learned the million tricks for getting things done and staying sane that the wage earner has to learn. (Mess up your desk; it will make your boss think you're too busy for more work!) Now she has put them together into an illustrated work for the permanent residents of the rat race.

Watch characters who could be your co-workers, your bosses, and even you as they go through the myriad rituals and performances that make up the nine-to-five working day, and you'll inevitably find yourself laughing at the endless comedy of office living.

### Pony Pei 裴小馬

Pony Pei is an illustrator. Extremely adept at finding humor in the mundane, she is well-known for illustrations of everyday life. She has collaborated with Eslite bookstore, *Elle* magazine, and several book publishers.



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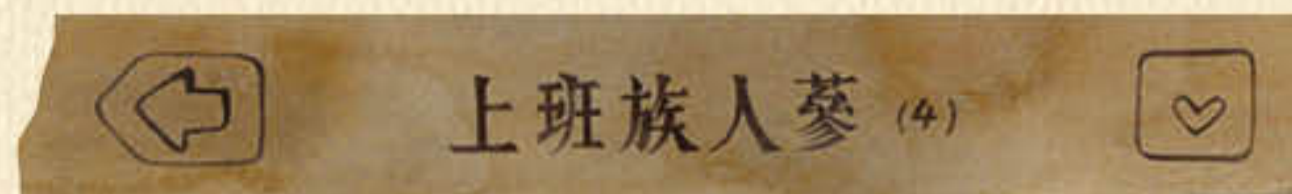
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New employees, and employees who haven't fully blended into their new environment tend to get the cold shoulder at some workplaces!



已讀 3  
15:25pm The new guy just asked me to add him to the group.

That's a massive "nope" from me. 15:28pm

「No」  
15:28pm

The last guy left after three days. Definite nope from me too! 15:32pm

15:33pm

LOL! 15:35pm

Let's wait until he's stuck around for a month. 15:40pm





Some employees like to push the  
brainless new hires around.



## Clocking out on time makes you feel like a winner!

(Warning: feeling lasts for one day only.)

The “exempt employee” system is one of humanity’s most horrifying inventions. The items on each day’s agenda are like zombies; they always find a way to come back.

