

WORKPLACE HORROR: SURVIVING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND PATRIARCAL OPPRESSION

比鬼故事更可怕的是你我身邊 的故事

Haunted for years by sexual harassment and misogyny, Girl W. is no longer afraid to tell the truth. In this bold and timely book she shares real-life horror stories about sexual harassment and discrimination, and how they can turn both home and workplace into living a nightmare for women.

“You should talk like a woman, and behave like a woman.” Brought up in a traditional family, Girl W had been hearing these words since she was a small child. Now, in “unwomanly” fashion, she boldly shares true stories of sexual harassment and gender oppression at home and in the workplace.

For Girl W., oppression often came from her family and arrived wrapped under a cloak of love. During adolescence, she was urged to wear extra t-shirts under her school uniform to hide her growing breasts, and to never discuss her periods, as if being a woman was somehow shameful. She was taught that women should always be polite and never complain about the mistreatment they suffered.

But the horrors didn't end with childhood. As an adult, Girl W found that the “ghosts” of patriarchy were everywhere, including the workplace. Supervisors forced her to drink alcohol at business events, bosses scolded her for fashion choices, and after-work drinks and business dinners were inevitably punctuated by lewd jokes and sexual remarks.



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Beginning as a series of posts on Facebook, these short and powerful true-life horror stories have been shared thousands of times online. Now available in book format, *Workplace Horror* is a direct and vivid depiction of the ways women in East Asia are still struggling to live their lives free of oppression.

Girl W. 少女老王

Journalist Girl W. created the *Horror Tales* Facebook page in 2017, sharing her personal stories of encounters with sexual harassment and misogyny at home and in the workplace. The page instantly went viral, amassing over 70,000 followers. Her first book, *Workplace Horror* spent weeks on the non-fiction bestseller list of Books.com, Taiwan's largest online book retailer.