2018 is the Year of the Dog. In Chinese mythology, the Dog represents loyalty.

**Rat**

2018 will be a good but erratic year for those born in the Year of the Rat. Everything will seem to be possible one moment, but you will suddenly find yourself stuck in a rut the next moment. Furthermore, while experiencing such turbulence, you will be bombarded with sudden crises from different directions. Such a phenomenon will feature most prominently in your career and wealth, amongst all other aspects of your life. However, the good news will be that you will be aided by a star that has the ability to neutralize troubles and problems. Hence, you will still be able to do very well if you can balance between embracing opportunities given and taking calculated risks while remaining humble.

At the same time, be sensitive to how others may feel. Although you cannot control how others feel and behave, you can at least try your best not to offend or antagonize others. Having fewer enemies will enable you to prolong your social standing. Even though they may not be showing their displeasure, they will remain the same. However, if your income varies, there will be a huge fluctuation along the year. There will be months where you will be laughing to the bank, while in other months, you may be forced to penny-pinching. Whether you earn a steady income or not, there will be huge unforeseen expenses. The challenge will be to keep the expenses in check.

**Career**
- You will be energetic and passionate about what you are doing, which will gain the attention of people in power. This brings you many opportunities to shine. Even though 2018 can be a good year for your career advancement, it will be very turbulent, which means that you can be doing very well in one moment but come crashing down in the next moment. Hence, the trick will be to maximize the time that you can glide with the wind but also maintain plans and strategies to cushion your setbacks.

As you rise in the corporate ladder or have outstanding performance, it will be inevitable to invite jealousy from your peers and competitors. Be mindful about such sentiment and be sensitive when you interact with them. Be humble, and with the right attitude, others will find it easier to be on your side.

**Wealth**
- Your finances can be erratic. If you are earning a steady income, this should remain the same. However, if your income varies, there will be a huge fluctuation along the year. There will be months where you will be laughing to the bank, while in other months, you may be forced to penny-pinching. Whether you earn a steady income or not, there will be huge unforeseen expenses. The challenge will be to keep the expenses in check.

**Relationship**
- Relationship matters will be poor. If you are single, the chance of having a relationship will be slim. Even if you were to meet someone who you like, there will be many obstacles for it to develop into a relationship. Examples of the obstacles will be that the person who you like will not be interested in being romantically involved with you, and both parties keep misunderstanding each other’s intentions or both fail to catch each other in an appropriate time to express the interest of having a relationship together.

**Health**
- You will be prone to injuries that are related to cuts. There will be a risk of having life-threatening situations involving water activities. You are encouraged to avoid or reduce water sports such as swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving and water skiing.

**People**
- Many may be jealous of you as you rise in the corporate ladder or have better social standing. Even though they may not be showing their displeasure, they will wait for the opportunities to bring you down. You may need to be sensitive towards other people’s feelings as you progress in life. Do not let arrogance swell your head and affect the way you interact with others. Be humble.

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year and the others will be that you will consider unscrupulous means to achieve your goals in this year. Even if you were to get away with it, there will be a price that you will need to pay sooner or later. Do think twice before you do anything.

Career
You will be given heavier responsibilities and the necessary authority to do the job well. A promotion will be very likely, but this may not come with income increments. You will gain support from the management and the relevant authority. Hence, there will be many opportunities for you to showcase your talents.

Wealth
Your finances will be poor. You will tend to splurge or get addicted to retail therapy. You may spend more money than you should, or lose money due to oversight and misjudgment. You may be cheated of money as well. If there are money-making opportunities that sound too good to be true, they will probably not be genuine.

Relationship
If you are male and born in the Year of the Ox, you will likely meet someone who you can get along with and will understand you. However, this friendship may or may not lead to romance. If you are female and single, this will likely to remain the same. If you are already in a relationship, the relationship will tend to deteriorate. There will be frequent fights due to distrust and mood swings. However, the best way to handle your relationship will be that when you are with your partner, be patient with each other and remember the good times you share together.

Health
You will be prone to injuries that relate to cuts, sprains and a stiff neck. If you are handling sharp tools, driving and operating machines, focus on what you are doing. If you have difficulties focusing, you may consider delaying the activities for a later time for your own safety.

People
Although you will meet people who are willing to give you opportunities to progress, there will be more hostile people around you. Some will have direct conflicts with you while others will engage in fierce power struggles with you. We will expect hypocrisy and scandals throughout the year. You may be cheated or framed by others. There will be some who will try to intercept your opportunities.

General
If we measure how good a year was by material gains, 2018 will be a good one. You will likely enjoy what you have, but you will probably not be able to retain money. You will suffer from health conditions that relate to stress. As long as you are able to reduce harm others can bring upon you, you will become stronger and be reward ed in the future.

Tiger

Career
You will be given heavier responsibilities and opportunities to widen your experiences. However, this may not necessarily come with a promotion or a pay increment. You will be busy, or there will be frequent business trips. There will be a possibility of moving to a new office, or you will need to relocate due to work. You will be willing to put in effort. Even though your efforts will not pay off immediately, you will see the returns probably by end of 2018 and in the next few years. It will certainly contribute to your overall progress in your career. You will be encouraged to see past what your efforts may return, but focus on what you need to do on hand and your long term goals.

Wealth
Your finances will improve, but there will be some challenges in keeping it. Your hard work will be recognized by your company and your efforts will likely be rewarded with huge bonuses. However, pay increment will be unlikely. Earnings through investments and winnings from gambling will be unstable. This will mean that even though you may gain some, you will lose back what you gain.

Rabbit

Relationship
Relationship matters will take a back seat in this year, as you are more likely to focus on your career and finances. If you are single, there will be a high chance that the status will remain. If you are already in a relationship, there will be a lot of tensions caused by trust issues. Talk things out. Do not let others influence your relationship. Do not let your own insecurity and suspicion hurt your relationship.

Health
There should not be major health and safety issues. However, you may have some potential health issues related to stress. You will be prone to having insomnia and digestive problems. There will be risk of suffering from depression and anxiety. Stress management will be important. When you notice that you are stressed out, give yourself some time to be calm. You can engage in activities that allow you to relax better.
General 2018 will be a very good year for those born in the Year of the Rabbit. You will be displaying strong magnetism that will enable you to attract strong support from many. This will have a domino effect in bringing many other benefits that come with it. For example, you will be charming yourself up the corporate ladder and clinch good deals. Many will do the hard work for you, take the blame for you when things go wrong and watch your back.

Your wealth luck will be strong. Romance will improve. Even if you were to meet with problems, your popularity will be powerful enough to shrink or dissolve the problems. While it will seem that charm can make you become invincible in 2018, you will be wrong. Your charm will be a double-edged sword. There will be high risk that you will become a philanderer. If you were to abuse your charm, the damage can be devastating and is capable of ruining your life. Leverage your charm to maximize your profits in 2018, but do not let it blind your conscience.

Career
Although this will not be a problem-free year, it will be considered a good one for those who are born in the Year of the Rabbit. Even if there were to be disappointments, there will be many who are willing to take the shot for you, watch your back and help you fix problems. Hence, most of the problems that you will face can be avoided, reduced and eradicated.

Wealth
Your wealth luck will be good. There will be a possibility of pay increments and having big bonuses. If your income is commissioned based or is sales-dependent, you will be laughing to the bank. You may even feel that the game of luck and earnings from investments.

Relationship
You will regain your charm in 2018 and are likely to have good progress in affairs of the heart. However, your charm may become excessive and likely to do you more harm than good. If you are in a relationship, there will be a high chance of meeting someone special and falling in love. If you are already in a relationship, your relationship will likely progress to the next level.

Health
Your health will be average. There may be some common illnesses such as cold and flu. Most health issues you may face are related to unhealthy eating habits, which can develop into chronic health conditions in the future. You will have the tendency of consuming oily food and food that has strong taste. You will be attracted to sweet, sour and salty food. You will also be overeating late at night, which can cause indigestion. You will drink a lot of alcohol. You may want to control what and when you consume to maintain a good health.

People
You will be charming and everybody adores you. You will be able to gain strong support from many. However, problems you will have with people will be caused by your excessive charm. When you are just being friendly, others will mistake you as being interested in developing the relationship romantically with you. They may need to be sensitive towards the type of message you send to others. If you realize that others have misunderstood, clarify your position to save everyone from embarrassment. The dark side of you will consider abusing such situations. There will be a chance that you may lead others on and take advantage of such ambiguous relationships. In the worst scenario, you will be a two-faced man and may have excessive sexual activities regardless of your marital status.

Relationship
If you are single, your status will remain the same in 2018. Even if there are interested parties, you may display such a fiery temper that will scare them away.

Health
Your health and safety will be poor. There will be relapses of illnesses. Among different forms of health conditions, you will be prone to those that are related to the heart, stomach, intestines and liver. As you will be going through a rough time, it will be inevitable to be frustrated and depressed.

People
You will face many people issues and will be in the limelight for the wrong reasons. You will be the topic of gossip and may make it to the headlines of tabloids. Although you will be uncomfortable being the topic of small talk during coffee breaks, do not get too agitated or try to explain yourself. You will not be able to control what others choose to say. However, you can alleviate the situation by not participating in gossip or letting others about your whereabouts as it will attract unwanted attention. There will be many who will be uncooperative.


General
2018 will give those born in the Year of the Dragon a relatively good year. There will be unusually challenging year. All facets of your life will be badly hit. Even though there seems to be solutions to the problems, there will be a mirage; the solution can only be seen but is unattainable. You will be likely to be frustrated, depressed and angry. Such emotions will cloud your judgment and will land you into bigger troubles than you bargain for. You will be like a walking time bomb, ready to explode anytime. As such, you will get into arguments and fights. You may get caught drunk-driving as well. There will even be the possibility of making headlines of tabloids and becoming notoriously famous on social media. As long as you can survive through 2018 in one piece and with your sanity, you are already a champion. Breathe in and get yourself ready for 2018.

Career
You will have a difficult and painful year in your career. There will be a wide specter of problems, ranging from operational, technical, relational, natural disasters and many other unexplainable occurrences. These problems will not just simply disappear, they will cause all your plans to fail apart, let your performance indicator be in the red and even cost you your job. In such a year, endurance will be your golden rule. Instead of excelling in your career, surviving the year will be more pressing.

Wealth
Your finances will be poor. You will have difficulties saving money, and there will be a high risk of getting into financial troubles. You will need to spend on unforeseen circumstances to bail you out of troubles. There will be high medical and legal expenses.

General
2018 will be a very good year for those born in the Year of the Snake. You will be likely to take off and glide high in your career. This will complement your strong finances in terms of pay increments, big bonuses, profits from investments and winnings from gambling. You will be like a professional at the next level for affairs of the heart. This will be one of the unusual years, in that you will have little problems with people.

Health
Your health and safety will be below average. Most of the life challenges that you will meet in 2018 will be those that strike fast and unexpectedly. Some of these challenges are common random occurrences related to natural disasters. These challenges may not be able to have a devastating impact on you, but they are difficult to prepare for and will be able to throw you off track. Remind yourself to be agile in your approach and keep an open mind. This will enable you to be better handle any kind of storms the Universe will want to play on you and to leap towards success in 2018.

Career
2018 will be a very good year for your career. Management will entrust you with big roles, and they have confidence in you. Promotion and pay increments will materialize. The only challenge you may not need to shoulder heavier responsibilities while you will gain strong support from management peers, your support can be exceptionally supportive, but they will have difficulties in finding reasons to dislike you. They will realize that you will be wearing a glowing halo and will know better not to cross your path. Hence, do not treat them weakly. As you rise in the corporate ladder, remain humble and manage your relationships tactfully.

Wealth
You will have strong finances. You will likely receive significant increments and huge bonuses. If you are to earn through commissions, your earnings will be growing exponentially. You will gain huge profits from investments and gambling. Although Lady Luck will be smiling at you, it will not be a good idea to push your luck. There are indications of losing a lot of money due to misjudgment.

Relationship
If you are single, Cupid will be shooting at you. Although you will be likely to fall in love, you will realize that there may be more than one potential person. You can give more time to know each other better before making a long-term commitment. If you are unsure about your feelings, do not lead other people on. You will expect progress in your romance.

If you are already seeing someone, there will be a possibility of getting married. If you are already married, your relationship will strengthen, and there will be great times together.

Health
Your health and safety will be below average. You will be prone to health issues that are related to digestive system. There may be problems with your stomach and intestines. You will tend to lose your appetite. Try to have regular meals. Even if you do not have appetite for a hearty meal, you can consider taking small bites.

People
This will be one of those unusual years. Although you will have very few problems with others. You will gain strong support from others easily without spending too much time on building a rapport. You will be meeting many who will provide you with opportunities and will recognize your efforts.

However, you do not want to assume that everyone has to like you and be supportive towards you all the time. When you are doing very well, it will be inevitable for others to be envious, which can turn into jealousy. As you rise in social status, some on the corporate ladder, always remain humble and be sensitive towards how others may feel. If you become arrogant and forget that no one can be successful alone, those who may not like you will callously see to your downfall.
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Health
Your finances will be below average. If you are to earn through steady income, then you should not be too concerned. However, it will be useful if you can increase your income. You may not want to be too hopeful on having pay increments and a big bonus. Earnings from investments and winnings from gambling will be weak. You will lose more than you earn.

Relationship
If you are single, the chances of meeting someone special and falling in love will be good. However, your associates at work are struggling. Your health and safety will be from below average to poor. You will not be able to use time to your advantage. If you do not put in effort to manage your relationship, you and your partner will likely drift apart, and there will be a possibility of separation. Treasure the relationship that you have built, and do not take your partner for granted.

Health
Your health and safety will range from below average to poor. This means that your health conditions and safety issues can be serious. You will run a high risk of injuries, surgeries and receiving invasive treatments. There will be a high risk of accidents that are related to traffic, operating machines and handling sharp tools. If you realize that you have difficulties in focusing, wait till a later time when you can focus better to carry out the activities. Avoid all types of high risk activities. Among different forms of health conditions, you will be prone to problems related to your stomach, intestines, urinary tract infection, groin and womb.

For those born in the Year of the Horse and those who are pregnant, you will need to be careful throughout the pregnancy during this year because there are indications of miscarriage. Go for the periodic medical check-ups. If you feel unhealthy, consult your gynecologist. Family members may have life-threatening situations. The vulnerable groups will be elderly, young children and those with chronic illnesses.

People
Although you will gain support from the relevant people, you will be facing much more issues with people than the support they can give. You will be likely to run into disagreements that can result in direct conflicts. Even though situations may not turn into violence, it can be ugly because it can lead to lawsuits, or your plans will fall apart. It is all right to have disagreements, but try to disen- tangle it cordially.

You may become the topic of gossip. Avoid participating in gossip. What goes around will come around. You will be likely to fall prey to scandals or being implicated in trouble. There may be illicit affairs in romance. You will be caaleed into playing hard but slack in your work. Do not be too gullible. Avoid getting involved in matters that may infringe the law, against morals and ethics. Be mindful and responsible of your behavior and decisions. If you are diligent, you will be able to reduce problems with people significantly.

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managed, there may be separation. It will be important to communicate and keep each other abreast of what is going on in each other’s life. It will be best to do things or participate in activities together. Keep the passion alive.

Health
Your health will be average. Among different forms of health conditions, you will be prone to health conditions that are related to your respiratory system, brain, stomach and bladder. You will run a high risk of injuring your head. Generally, your focus will be weak, which will put you at risk of accidents.

Comparing between health conditions and safety issues, you will run a higher risk of accidents than health problems. Always focus on what you are doing and where you are going. Elders will have life-threatening situations. They will need to visit a doctor if they feel unwell. They will have to avoid traveling, going out unaccompanied and staying at home alone. Apart from taking good care of yourself, you may need to pay attention to the elderly as well.

People
Although you will gain support from others, you will face equivalent, if not more, issues with people. You will tend to invite gossip more than in other years. Do be mindful about what and how you communicate with others. Also, try not to engage in matters that do not impact you directly. Avoid having direct conflicts with others. You may have some achievements that can cause others to be envious. You do not need to compromise what you can do to avoid attracting envy from others. However, you will need to do this behavior will be translated to you being aloof and self-centered. Your choice of words, tone of delivering your message and your gestures will play an important role. There are indications of others framing, threatening and cornering you. This can happen in your personal life or at work, which may have widespread negative impacts, such as a damaged reputation, jeopardized career progress and loss of money. You may even face jail terms. Do not put yourself in such a vulnerable situation, by being alert and conscious of what is going on around you.

Monkey

General
2018 will be a rocky year for those born in the Year of the Monkey. You will have to put up big fights and struggles to get simple matters done. Progress in your career will be slow. On top of difficulties in earning money, your expenses will be high. You will have poor health and safety issues. Romantic matters will be poor too. Support from others will be insufficient and you will have various problems with people.

Although there will be challenges and problems, the last straw will be that you will be faced with frequent verbal attacks. Apart from demeaning you, their actions may not have any other purpose. All incidents will add up and cause you to be depressed and resentful, which will affect your judgement and behavior. A vicious cycle will begin. On top of that, receiving bad news about those in your social circle will not help matters. 2018 will be a physically strenuous year where you will be busy, travel frequently and relocate.

Fortunately, you will be alert, which will favor learning, handling details and coping with a hectic schedule. The lesson to be learned in 2018 will be to put in effort in what you are doing, and do not overanalyze matters. Let trivial matters and those that are beyond your control go.

Career
Your career may not be able to progress as well as you hope, but it cannot be classified as terrible. It will definitely be a physically strenuous one. You will be busy or will have frequent business trips. There will be a possibility of office moves, or you will need to relocate due to work. You will be willing to put in effort but may not be able to see results in the short term. If you find yourself not as busy as mentioned here, you will be encouraged to get yourself busy or go away on business trips.

Somehow, your career will progress better, or situations will improve when you get busy or travel. You should not have major problems but you will need more time and effort to get the same things done. Many matters will require you to put up big fights and struggles to push through. You will gain some support from others, but the support is not as effective as you rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty. You will be alert, which will be advantageous in terms of learning, handling details and coping with a hectic schedule. There will be a lot of issues with people such as betrayal, backstabbing, misleading, sabotaging and gossiping, which will not surprise you.

The difference in this year will be that you will meet with many unreasonable and hostile people who will attack you verbally. Even though you try your best to communicate with them and calm them down, it will not help, and you will have to walk away with them still yelling at you. Worrying about problems and being verbally abused so often will cause you to be emotional, depressed and resentful. This will have negative effects on your judgment and behavior. A vicious cycle will be created. You may need to spend time adjusting your emotions. To survive 2018, you must be willing to work hard, focus on important matters, and learn how to let things go.

Wealth
Finances will be poor. If you are to earn a steady income, there should not be problems. In the worst scenario, there will be pay-cuts, which will be better than going without any income. If your income varies, you may have some problems because you may need to survive for a few months without being paid. On top of your difficulties in earning money, your expenses will be high. You will be spending a lot on traveling, transportations, house moving and relocating. There will be many sudden events that require you to spend money. Try your best to keep expenses in check. Profit from investment and gambling will be unlikely. Instead, there will be a high possibility of losing money through investing and gambling. Adopt a conservative approach towards money matters.

Relationship
Matters related to romance will be below average. If you are single, the chances of you falling in love will be slim. However, you can improve this by traveling. Traveling can refer to you traveling overseas or simply commuting from one place to another. If you often glue your eyes on your mobile devices and stuff yours ears with earphones, you are going to miss whatever destiny has for you. If you are already seeing someone or in a marriage, you will be so busy or travel so frequently that you cannot spend enough time with your partner. Your and partner will drift apart. At the same time,
situations will cause you to be so emo-
tional that you will likely take it out at
your partner. Even though separation
will be unlikely, the damage done can
be irreversible. You can consider letting
your partner know what you are going
through, and your partner will be likely
to empathize and be supportive. If time
and resources permit, you can consider
traveling with your partner. This will al-
low you and your partner to spend time
together, while you can get away from
frustrating situations and relax better.

Health
Your health and safety will be poor,
but you are unlikely to experience
life-threatening situations. You will have a high
risk of accidents, surgery and receive
invasive treatments. Avoid risky activi-
ties. Your immune system will be weak,
which will put you at risk of being in-
fected frequently. You may have hor-
monal imbalance, which will cause you
to feel unwell, and you will experience
huge mood swings. You will be likely to
be depressed, frustrated and resentful,
which will affect your judgement and be-
vior. You can visit a doctor or relevant
professionals for help. You will have ill-
nesses recurring. You will receive news
that many of those in your social circle
will be going through, such as difficult
times and or even deaths.

People
You will have issues with people,
such as betrayals, backstabbing, misun-
derstandings, accusations and sabotag-
ing. However, the difference in 2018 will
be that you will meet with people who
will be verbally abusive. Even when you
have expressed no interest in continuing
the conversation, they will not back off.
The only way to handle such a situation
is to walk away. Apart from causing a lot
of irritation and frustration, they will not
contribute to you in any way. Such incidents
will usually not affect you too much,
but you will be going through so much in
2018 that you will be so emotional that
such incidents will keep hounding you
at the back of your mind. You will get caught in depression
easily, which will affect your judgment
and behavior. Snapping out of negative
thoughts when you realize that you are
having them will be easier said than
done. You can help yourself by being in
a positive physical environment and sur-
rounding yourself with positive people.
A positive physical environment refers to
a clean, tidy and well-lit environment.
Positive people refer to people who are
able to view matters objectively.

General
2018 will be a below average year
for those born in the Year of the Rooster.
You will meet with obstacles and chal-
lenges which can be managed and re-
duced. However, it may not be easy to
avoid them. Progress in your career will
be slow, and you will need to put in a
lot more effort to get matters done. Pay
increases and promotions will be unlikely,
but small profits from investments and
gambling will be possible.

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cause you to be depressed and affect your per-
formance at work and judgement. Ro-
manic matters will be mixed. Although
you may gain support from others, the
support will be little. Instead, there will
be a lot of betrayals, backstabbing, mis-
leading and sabotaging. You will also run
the risk of being scammed. This will not
only affect you in terms of career and
money, but you will also meet with peo-
ple who will want to toy with your feel-
ings or take advantage of you. Although
there will be a lot of such issues, they will
not be beyond control. They can be man-
aged and reduced, but they are unavoidable.
You can implement your plans in
2018, but you may need to lower your
expectations to reduce disappointment
and frustration. Give your very best and
let the rest sort themselves out.

Career
Your career luck will be slightly be-
low average. Although you will experi-
ce challenges, the challenges will not
be showstoppers or cause devastation.
You will need more time and to put in
more effort to get similar tasks done in
2018. There will be delays and hicups.
It will be advisable to give more time to
buffer between your tasks to reduce im-
 pact from the delays.

You will meet with many uncoop-
erative people who will make things dif-
cult for you. There will be some who
gossip about you, while there will be oth-
ers who will misunderstand you. Do not partici-
pate in gossip. You can be friendly, but
do not be too trusting. You can be aware
of what is going on in the office politics,
but try not to entangle yourself in office
power struggles. If you are not careful,
you will get sucked into the struggles
or be made a pawn in the game. Instead
of getting involved in the office poli-
tics, focus on improving the quality of
your work and relationships with others.
When you are able to improve the qual-
y of your work, the management will be
pleased with your performance, and they
will render support to you. Although
the support will not be extensive, it will
be better than nothing. This will also lead
your colleagues and business associates
to have second thoughts when they want
to sabotage you. Focus on what you need
to do at hand. Avoid getting involved in
matters that do not impact you directly.

Even though you may not be able to fly
high, you will still glide through 2018 by
keeping a low profile.

Wealth
Your finances will be below average.
The chances of pay increases and big
bonuses will be slim. However, you will
have some luck in investments and gam-
bling. There are indications of you being
scammed. If there are business propos-
als or investments that sound too good
to be true, they probably are. You will
need to do your research carefully and
gather information by yourself. Do not
be too trusting. After validating informa-
tion gathered, you will be in a better po-
sition to decide whether the business or
investment is worth pursuing. You will
have high expenses, especially medical
expenses. Keep your expenses in check
and only take calculated risks.

Happiness
You can make your loved ones
happy by being generous with your
goodness. It will also make your heart
light and your partner will be likely
to be appreciative of your support.

Relationship
This will be a mixed year for roman-
tic matters. If you are single, the chances
of falling in love will be slim. Even if you
were to fall in love, you will risk meeting
someone who just wants to take advan-
tage of you. If there is someone who
is interested in you, or if you are fond of
someone, take more time to know each
other before making long-term commit-
ments. If you are already seeing someone
or already in a marriage, you will be well
cared for by your partner when you are
ill, and your partner will be supportive
when you are going through a rough
patch. You will be appreciative of your
partner and your relationship will grow
stronger. However, there are signs that
misunderstandings between you and your
romantic partner will arise when you seem
to be overly enthusiastic about helping the opposite gender.

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Health

Your health will be poor. Although you are unlikely to face life-threatening situations, your poor health will hinder your progress and cause fatigue. You will be prone to illnesses such as the cold, flu and those that are related to the digestive system. Some of the health conditions that you will face will be related to your body having difficulties adapting to a new environment or lifestyle. In such cases, different people will have different reactions. Some may suffer from diarrhea, while others may be constipated. Some may feel nauseous while others may have insomnia. If you were to go to a new environment or have a new lifestyle, you may need to drink more water, eat more vegetables and have adequate rest. Your immunity will be weak. You may need to pay attention to hygiene to reduce the risk of infection.

People

You will face issues with people such as betraying, backstabbing, gossiping and sabotaging. There will also be some trying to scam you. Although there will be such problems, they will not be overly excessive compared to other years. You do not need to get too anxious or frustrated. However, it will be helpful to acknowledge that such issues will exist, and you still will need to be careful when interacting with others. Do not make assumptions. It is better to be paranoid than to be sorry. You can be friendly, but do not be too gullible. When you realize that others are going against you, it will not be anything new to you. The difference with this year as compared to other years is that you will indulge in your own thoughts and remain in your own world. You will not be able to protect yourself from the possible risk of infidelity.

Career

This will be a challenging year at work. There will be technical and operational problems, accompanied with severe office politics. These problems will not be anything new to you. The difference with this year as compared to others will be that how well you fair will be heavily dependent on your social skills and your willingness to work towards being a better person. If you have been observing how you interact with others and how you hold yourself, you will gain support from others and survive through the challenges. However, you also have the tendency of being in your own world. You will be frustrated with what is going on around you. You will be the one that you have to face so many obstacles while others are not supportive. You will be bad-tempered most of the time. When you communicate with others, you can be harsh, demeaning and rude. Many will be offended. After a while, you will assume that others cannot understand you because they are not intelligent enough, or they do not have the vision that you have. It will reach a point where you will indulge in your own thoughts and remain in your own world. You will not be able to protect yourself from the potential problems when you are unaware of what is going on around you. You will lose support from others. Many will dislike you and distance themselves. Thus, opportunities will slip past you. This will lead to your career regressing. No matter how brilliant you are, your attitude and how well you can communicate with the world will determine how far and how high you can go. Working to improve these areas will not only enable you to survive in 2018, but these will also serve as valuable traits in the future.

Health

Your finances will be average or below average. If you earn a steady income, pay raises and bonuses will be unlikely. If your income varies, there will be high risk of financial troubles. There will be huge expenses. A huge portion of it will be medical expenses for your own and the elderly. Keep your expenses in check. Try your best to save some money for rainy days. Chances of profiting from investment and gambling will be slim. You will be advised to avoid investing and gambling. There will be people trying to cheat your money by setting you up with scandalous business proposals. One of the tricks that they will use will be to praise you so much that you will get carried away and let your guard down when handling the contract and agreement. No matter what you do, give yourself adequate time to go through the details. If you do not understand, you may want to seek help from professionals. Do not make assumptions or seek advice from those who will have conflicting interests with you.

Relationship

Relationship matters will be poor. If you are single and interested in someone, or if someone would like to develop a romantic relationship with you, it will be difficult to progress these relationships. There will be situations that will cause both to be distracted from the potential relationship. If you are already seeing someone, there will be a make-or-break situation. If your relationship has stabilized, you can consider getting married. If not, there will be high risk of going separate ways. If you are already married, obstacles that you face in other aspects of life will cause you to be so frustrated that you will lash out at your partner. There will be a long period of fights and cold war. As your marriage becomes vulnerable, the risk of infidelity will increase. Do not take your partner for granted. There will be some who will sow discord in your relationship. Keep communica- tion channels open with your partner. Do not let third-party interference destroy your relationship.

Health

Your health will be below average. You will likely to have surgeries or receive invasive treatments. However, it
is not indicative of what type of illnesses you will be prone to have.

You will have high risk of accidents, especially those that are related to cuts. You will need to be very careful if you are to operate machines or to handle sharp tools. If you cannot focus, you may want to delay operating machines or handling sharp tools to a later time. Such accidents can be as trivial as paper cuts to something serious, like having to amputate limbs. You may want to avoid all high-risk activities.

**People**

There will be scandals, betrayals, backstabbing, misunderstandings and accusations. The types of issues that you will face when interacting with others will be similar to those in other years. However, the magnitude of these issues will be more than other years. If you are cautious of your speech and behavior, you are less likely to be badly affected by other people’s evil-doing, and you will gain moderate support from others. Even though the support may not be beneficial to you extensively, it will reduce the potential damage that you may have.

The main problem will be that you will tend to indulge in your own thoughts and be in your own world. Not knowing what is going on around you will make it difficult to defend yourself from potential problems. You will be frustrated that others cannot understand you. For most of the time, you will be likely to be in a bad temper. By being that way, many will find it difficult to communicate with you. Gradually, you will lose support from others. Being part of society, we cannot function alone, let alone progress or excel in life. No matter how good you are or what brilliant ideas you have, nothing can be achieved if you cannot communicate with others or motivate others to help you. Get out from your own world to be nearer to success.

**Pig**


**General**

2018 will be a good year for those born in the Year of the Pig. You will experience an unexplainable energy emitting from every cell of your body. You will be dynamic, vibrant and passionate. Many will be attracted to you, and you will get strong support from others easily. You can be influential. With these favorable conditions, you are likely to do well in many areas in your life. Promotion, recognition and pay increment will be likely in your career. Your finances will also improve. However, you may not be very lucky in investments and gambling. If you are single or seeing someone, your relationship will likely progress to the next level. If you are already married, while this will be an appropriate year to welcome a new family member, there will be a lot of fights and cold war, as you claim that your partner does not care for you enough. Your health and safety will be poor, which can be severe enough to halt progress in career and wealth. Do pay attention to your health and safety. Although you will experience knocks and bumps along 2018, the problems can be avoided. Leverage on 2018’s favorable conditions to take a huge leap forward in life.

**Career**

Your career luck will be considered above average. This will be an appropriate year to focus on your career, and there will be a high chance that you can improve your career. You will likely be passionate about what you are doing.

Your enthusiasm and efforts will be recognized by the authorities and the relevant people. As such, promotion, pay increments and bonuses will be likely. You will enjoy what you will be doing. Your passion will be contagious. Many will like to be part of your plans. You will gain support from others easily without spending too much time socializing, as you are able to draw crowds easily. Public speaking and giving presentations will be one of your favorite activities. They will be effective instruments that can enable you to inspire and motivate many to help you achieve your goals. If you are considering changing jobs, this will be a suitable year to do so. You will likely do even better if you can undertake opportunities to work in another country or another city far from where you work now. Although you will likely do fine in your career, you will be having some minor challenges which can cause delays, inconvenience and frustration. However, most of them can be reduced or avoided. Do not let these challenges dampen your mood. Focus on what you can do well, and this can be an enjoyable and fruitful year.

**Wealth**

Your wealth and luck in 2018 will be good, but it can unstable. If you are to earn through commissions, you will likely have huge improvements in your income. If you are to earn through a steady income, you will be passionate about what you are doing, and that will impress the relevant authorities who will be happy to give you pay increments and bonuses. There will be some expenses that are within your financial abilities.

Although your finances will be good, earnings through investments and gambling will not be good. Investment plans and business plans that promise huge returns are either scams or money-sucking schemes. Do not participate in plans that sound too good to be true. You will also run the risk of being pickpocketed and robbed. Thus, do not flash your money and valuables in public.

**Relationship**

This will be a good year for romantic matters. If you are single, there will be a high chance that you will meet someone special and fall in love. If you are already seeing someone and the relationship has been stable, you can consider getting married. For those who are already married, the relationship will be mixed. On one hand, this will be an appropriate year for family planning. You can consider participating in activities that motivate you and ignite your passion in life. If you can do that, not only will you become a happier person, your marriage will improve.

**Health**

You will have high risk of accidents. Avoid engaging in high-risk activities. If you have difficulties focusing, do not drive, operate machines and handle sharp tools. You will be prone to health conditions that strike fast, such as heart attacks and strokes. If you have any chronic health conditions, you may want to monitor your health closely by having periodic medical check-ups or take note of any message your body is sending you.

**People**

You will have few issues interacting with people. Many will find you lively, creative and passionate. Your positivity will be contagious. You will attract people like a magnet. Everyone would like to be involved in what you are doing. Simply being around you will be delightful.
Book review: ‘The Year of the Dog’ by Oliver Chin

BY RUOBING SU

Oliver Chin’s “The Year of the Dog” is an engaging tale, bringing the Chinese zodiac to life with interesting stories and vivid illustrations. Chin began his “Tales from the Chinese Zodiac” over a decade ago with the loyal dog, the 11th zodiac animal. The 2018 edition adds a Chinese translation in simplified characters.

The story begins with Daniel, a puppy born on New Year’s day. Lin, a girl who lives next door, visits Daniel and becomes fast friends with him. Daniel’s Papa tells him to always look after Lin and to be on the watch for strangers at all times.

Papa taught Daniel to bark whenever he saw dangerous animals such as a phoenix, dragon or tiger, because dogs watch out for humans. However, little Daniel was not able to distinguish between animals and embarrassed himself with several gaffes.

One day Lin and Daniel’s families had a picnic. After lunch, Lin wandered off by herself. Daniel volunteered to fetch Lin and dashed off to catch her scent. All of a sudden, a beast with bright orange stripes, long whiskers and a furry tail appeared. The fearsome tiger terrified Lin and Daniel. However, Daniel raced to Lin’s side and barked fiercely. His bark—

The story is easy to understand for children, with lively illustrations by Miah Alcorn. Chin’s English text is accompanied by a Chinese translation, which is not overly literal. Children can learn both languages while reading the story, fostering early exposure to language and culture.

The story tells us dogs are always loyal and faithful to their family, just like people born in the Year of Dog. While these people can be blunt and stubborn, they are reliable and trustworthy. The story of the Chinese zodiac explains Chinese culture in a simple and accessible way. “The Year of the Dog” is perfect for bilingual or multicultural children, making learning fun.

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Chinese New Year greetings from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh

BY BOSTON MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

I want to wish all of you and the entire Chinese-Boston community a happy, healthy and prosperous new year! I’m proud to say the Year of the Rooster was a very successful year for the City of Boston. I’m looking forward to all of the work we’re going to do together, as a city, to create a strong future for all the people of Boston in the Year of the Dog.

The beginning of a new year is always a great time to reflect on the previous year. The Year of the Rooster was certainly a busy one. We were excited to announce we’re bringing back library services to Chinatown — after over 50 years. We have a temporary space open now, as we continue to build a permanent new library. It will serve as a community gathering space, a resource for teens and children, and will also provide critical internet services for residents. I invite the entire community to visit the library, which opened Feb. 5.

We also renovated a beloved neighborhood resource: Tai Tung Park. This $160,000 renovation brought a new playground to the community.

In addition, we opened 88 Hudson, which is the next phase of the Parcel 24 project. It brings 51 more units of affordable housing to Hudson Street and the neighborhood. It will also help knit together Chinatown with the Rose Kennedy Greenway and the rest of the City. This project helps ensure working families and immigrants can continue to live and thrive here.

2017 was also a year that challenged our City’s character. Time and time again, we took on opportunities to stand up for our values and the residents who call Boston home. We reaffirmed that Boston was a welcoming place for all. We took steps to support our immigrants, and we celebrated the diversity that continues to build and shape our City. Boston stands out as a national leader in immigration and diversity. We hold a deep respect for the immigrants who built our city, and the ones who will help build our future.

In 2018, we remain committed as ever to upholding our values and being an inclusive, welcoming City for all. As Mayor, I want to thank all the members of the Chinese-Boston community for your hard work, every day, in helping Boston succeed. I hope the Year of the Dog brings great luck, joy and happiness to all of you.

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. (Image courtesy of the City of Boston.)

Lunar New Year greetings from Treasurer Deborah Goldberg

BY MASS. TREASURER DEB GOLDBERG

I welcome the Year of the Dog, along with my friends in the Asian-American community. As we enter this new year, I join you in reflecting on the past, while looking ahead to the future, with resolve and optimism.

In my role as Treasurer, I focus on ensuring economic stability for all Massachusetts residents. This past year, the Treasury’s Office of Economic Empowerment announced open enrollment for SoarMA, which provides a free seeded college savings account to low-income middle schoolers in cities around the state.

Last year, I also had a new initiative which studied how to increase diversity on corporate boards. This study showed that increased diversity leads to greater success for both their businesses and their employees. As an appointing authority for the Asian American Commission, I have worked to elevate the impact that Asian Americans have throughout our state.

The AAPI community has a long and rich history within the state of Massachusetts. Communities such as Boston’s Chinatown and Lowell have many local and small community businesses that help our economy thrive and keep our cities culturally vibrant.

I am excited for another year continuing my work of empowering families, helping to create opportunities all over the state for those who have been underrepresented for too long. On behalf of the Treasury and myself, I wish everyone prosperity in your business ventures, success in your careers and a Happy Lunar New Year to all!

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