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I was on the last train bound for Taipei that day when they said a monster typhoon was on its way. But I didn't hear its roar and was anxious to go home, so I stuck to my plan. As the train shambled north, the wind all of a sudden got tougher with the rain sheeting down. Somehow the train couldn't go any further and had to stop at Suao Station overnight for safety reasons. I was that close to home, with only 71 km left, but the monster ahead wouldn't let me pass. I was too optimistic to expect that we would continue our journey home soon and apparently, so were all the other passengers. Without supplies and electricity, though, the steel-built train was our only fortress. We couldn't even get off. The shadows of the gale-beaten branches presented themselves on the windows when lightning struck. They were like the devil's claw and we were in the valley of death.

My mom called; I said I was alright. My friends called; I said I was going to die. A confidante of mine said I should have a slumber party on the train just as they did at home or tell ghost stories in turn to ease the mood. None of the suggestions was better than a bold try. All the passengers voted to take a chance, steering forward to confront the monster. We were concentrated in the first two cars to take care of each other and to have a better chance of survival. Thunder crashed and lightning struck; howling gales blew and driving rains splashed. Even so, we never yielded. Fortune favored the bold, so we made it to the destination safe and sound. I still slept in Taipei Main Station overnight, for none of the public transportation services were available. Though the monster was still at the gate, I survived.

氣象預報說有個巨大的颱風要來的那天，我人在最後一班開往台北的列車上。但我沒有聽到呼嘯的風聲，再加上我急著想回家，所以我就照著原訂的計畫。當列車搖搖晃晃地往北行駛，風勢突然增強，同時雨也是傾盆而下。不知為何，車子無法再繼續行駛，因為安全理由必須在蘇澳站停一晚。我就差這麼一點就到家了，只剩下七十一公里而已，但前方的怪獸卻不讓我通過。我過度樂觀地期待我們回程的旅程很快就會繼續，很明顯地，其他乘客也是這麼想。然而，沒有補給品和電力，鋼鐵打造的火車就是我們唯一的碉堡。我們甚至無法下車。打雷時，被強風吹得東倒西歪的樹枝倒映在車窗上。它們像是惡魔的爪子，而我們正身處死亡的幽谷。

我媽媽打來；我說我很好。我朋友打來，我說我小命不保。我的其中一個閨蜜說我應該跟在她的她們一樣，在火車上來個睡衣派對，或是輪流講鬼故事來緩和心情。沒有一個建議比勇敢地嘗試好。所有的乘客於是投票表決要試著往前繼續開來對抗這怪獸。我們被集中在前兩節車廂，彼此互相照顧，也多點存活的机会。雷電不停地劈打；強風呼嘯暴雨四濺。即使如此，我們沒有退縮。命運眷顧著勇者，所以我們安然無恙的抵達了目的地。後來我還是在台北車站睡了一晚，因為當時沒有任何大眾運輸系統有營運。雖然怪獸依然在門口徘徊，我活下來了。

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Famished and dead beat, Jeff and his fellow climbers found themselves stranded in the mountains. A torrent of mud, trees, and rocks ripped apart the trail 50 meters ahead, which hindered them from plodding on. They had no choice but to trek back across a river, which had turned into a raging monster after hours of deluge. Everyone was soaked to the skin and frozen still. What's worse, they couldn't even find shelter to pitch camp. The monstrous typhoon had dampened their burning ambition to conquer the mountain, and they all regretted embarking on this reckless hike. Distress signals had been sent hours ago, but it would take a miracle for the search and rescue crew to pinpoint their location and arrive before they died from hypothermia. Thanks to GPS technology, dozens of experienced rescuers came to their rescue the next morning and helped them cross the turbulent river with bare hands. Jeff narrowly escaped death when he accidentally slipped and tumbled into the glacial water. Fortunately, a safety rope attached to him kept him from being washed downstream and two rescuers hauled him out of the water. Even though the rescue operation was perilous, everyone ended up safe and sound.

When engaging in demanding outdoor activities, such as mountain climbing, river tracking, or sea kayaking, people have to take multiple risks into account. Even with thorough preparation, however, emergencies may occur. As a citizen who enjoys outdoor activities, therefore, I suggest the following measures to prevent search and rescue from being abused. First off, penalties or fines should be imposed on those who take part in such activities when a typhoon alert has been issued. If people have decided to put their lives at stake, why should rescuers risk their lives saving them? Furthermore, whoever calls in search and rescue should pay for helicopter fuel or volunteers' services. I don't think it fair for taxpayers to foot the bill. Last but not least, a sense of responsibility must be cultivated among the public. Responsible outdoor enthusiasts know better than to venture into alpine terrain or the ocean unprepared. People should also think twice before going mountaineering or going fishing during a typhoon. After all, search and rescue should be reserved for those who really need it.

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