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Live Gems in the Water

“Carps Leap through the Dragon’s Gate” is a legend handed down in China for generations. In ancient times, it was used to congratulate successful candidates in the imperial examination. And now, it generally means that people’s dreams come true or they have successful careers. Thus, carps symbolize wealth and good fortune in the Chinese culture and even in Japan as well.

Because of carps’ lucky meaning, it is easy to see colored carps swim in lakes or pools in landscape restaurants, temples, or other scenic spots. Colored carps are improved from traditional ones by Japanese. They are more colorful to catch everyone’s attention, so they are called “live gems in the water” or “the king of ornamental fish.” Most children feel excited and want to give them some feeds or crumbs when they see these “live gems” swim in the water. And I am no exception.

I still remember once I went to a landscape restaurant in Taichung, and I saw hundreds of colored carps swimming in schools in a large lake. The proud sight deeply grabbed my attention, and it seemed they showed their will and power. When I feed them food, they rapidly swam in front of me like bees to a honeypot, emulously opened their mouths like a large chorus ~~sang~~ singing songs to eat feeds, and then neatly swung their tail fins to swim away. With streamline bodies and silkily smooth skin, colored carps could freely swim in their water world. I enjoyed looking at them because they were just such as citrine, pearl, ruby, and obsidian lived in the lake with yellow, white, red, and black marking. The brightly colored scene was like a poem sung for oriental beauty or like a charming painting drawn for their glamor. And I could not help intently gazing at these colored carps by the lake all the afternoon.

It was an unforgettable experience with colored carps. Sometimes they would jump out of the water and flap their tail fins, which was like the sight of “Carps Leap through the Dragon’s Gate.” Since then, admiring them for their colors and elegant swimming posture has been my interest when I go ~~to~~ anywhere with colored carps. Maybe when we stare at them, they would look back at us as well through the water.

Very well written

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