

On the first day of Chinese New Year, Sally woke up early with a start. Her family had planned a trip to the department store that day, and she'd been so excited she'd barely gotten a wink of sleep last night. She loved shopping — and the department store was holding an anniversary sale! When they arrived at their destination, though, she was jarred at the spectacle unfolding right in front of her. The front gates were positively flooded with people. From afar, they could have easily been mistaken for a swarm of ants, or perhaps a herd of buffalo stampeding through the streets. The security guard holding the doors open was just barely managing to maintain some semblance of order. Once she finally squeezed her way in through the crowd, she quickly realized that the situation indoors hadn't improved in the slightest. She stumbled several times, and could hardly see anything

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past the sea of people jostling each other impatiently.

After around an hour or so, she decided she'd had enough. The air felt stuffy, and being surrounded by so many strangers was uncomfortable to say the least. Just as she reached into her pocket to pull out her phone, however, she was horrified to find that it wasn't there. Could the day possibly get any worse? She felt miserable as she resigned herself to using a payphone to call her parents and ask them to pick her up. She couldn't believe she had been so careless as to let a pickpocket get away with stealing her phone, and said as much to her family once she'd gotten in the car. Her dad laughed and asked if she'd bought anything nice instead. She shook her head regretfully. The truth was, although there had been a staggering amount of goods sold at tempting prices, nothing had caught her eye in particular. In the end, all she'd gotten in exchange for the trouble was a stolen phone and sore, aching feet after standing for so long. On top of that, it was a valuable lesson well learned — just because something seems appealing, doesn't mean you should jump in headfirst without deliberation. After all, there's no such thing as a free lunch.

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