



Takeaways

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When we spoke with our latest profile this week, a Singaporean YouTuber by the name of Crinnacle...

...we expected a niche that wouldn't be anything else but a niche.

That's kind of the interesting thing about our post-internet, post-social media landscape—niches are more well-connected than ever.

He reveals a world that, while niche in Singapore, has strength in numbers when its community are close-knit through the simple power of hanging out virtually.

What we perceive as a small, nurtured passion that would seem impossible to pursue in Singapore can actually be viable—if you're willing to step out of that Singaporean bubble. The world is waiting, friends. Perhaps today's the day.

*P.S. We've also learnt some of you found your way here through your friends. If you haven't already, **subscribe** to our weekly newsletter today!*

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Hidden Spaces



A photography project by Geraldine Kang showcases images of domestic helpers' sleeping spaces, paired with conversations with them and their employers.

We explore how the sleeping conditions of domestic helpers can reflect broader societal attitudes towards their role and wellbeing in Singapore.

**Geraldine Kang Captures
the Spaces We Provide for
Migrant Domestic Helpers**

Hidden Faces



Are disabled cast and crew provided with sufficient opportunities in the film industry?

Singapore's special needs community boasts talented actors and experienced crew members aplenty. Our writer reveals that they just aren't given enough chances to shine.

**Lights, Camera, Access:
How Singaporean PWDs
Struggle To Take Centre Stage**

Sound Business



For years, Crinacle, a Singaporean YouTuber, made a name for himself as a revered reviewer of headphones, in-ear monitors and other audio gear.

With a global following numbering in the hundreds of thousands, he's now transformed this niche passion into a thriving business.

**Crinacle Was A Broke Student
With A Thing For High-End
Audio.
Now, He's A Star.**

PvP Woes



“I always wanted to be a young adult fiction author, but my parents didn’t support that (of course). I swapped for a stable banking job (of course).”

In this day and age, do we still feel torn between choosing a practical, stable job instead of pursuing our dreams?

Singaporeans share their thoughts on this age-old debate.

**Singaporeans Speak on
Trading Passion for
Pragmatic Careers**

Short Grains, or *piping-hot* topics by the spoonful.

- All that hype and delirium did pay off for Singapore after all: the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has reported a boost to the country’s economy after the recent Coldplay and Taylor Swift concerts. (via CNA)
- HDB resale prices are climbing as high as inflation, it seems: for the 16th straight quarter in Q1 2024, prices continue to go up. (via *The Straits Times*)

- A former director-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has pled guilty to providing false information to a public servant over... [luxury watches](#). (via *CNA*)
 - Former Hollywood mega-producer Harvey Weinstein has had his rape conviction overturned in New York. [Hollywood stars react](#). (via *The Guardian*)
 - The girlies are fighting: HYBE, a label giant in K-pop, is suing the head of its subsidiary label ADOR, Min Hee-jin, [over breach of trust](#). Min refuted the accusations in an explosive press conference where she told part of her story. (via *CNA*)
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Passion for pragmatism is far from a new thing. In fact, during the twilight of circuit breaker, it was the rise of alternative careers that became a point of rabid discussion. Here's what we explored.

The Rise of Alternative Careers

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- At Takashimaya, it's all things Hallyu with [Hello Korea](#), a public fair with a bevy of traditional street food you can try.
- For something a little more artisanal, there's the [Boutique Fairs Singapore](#) at the F1 Pit Building—a showcase of fascinating local brands selling their latest creations. This weekend only!
- Two acclaimed theatre productions—Checkpoint Theatre's [Secondary: The Musical](#) and Wild Rice's [Tartuffe: The Imposter](#) end their run this weekend.
 - Unfortunately, both are sold out but keep your eyes peeled on social media or Carousell for any sudden ticket sales!
- This weekend also marks the end of the ongoing exhibition [Memories of Time: Leo Hee Tong](#), a retrospective of the revered Singaporean painter. Head over to Ngee Ann Kongsi Galleries before it closes.
- Here are some new films you can catch for a fun time in the cinema:
 - *The Fall Guy*, an action rom-com that sees Ryan Gosling as a hapless stuntman on a real-life mission to retrieve a kidnapped actor. (Screening at all local cinemas)
 - *Abigail*, where another kidnapping takes place. This time, it's the criminals who end up at the mercy of their captee: a vampire child. (Screening at all local cinemas)
 - *Late Night with the Devil*, an indie horror flick that has drawn critical acclaim for its intriguing premise: a talk show host aims to boost ratings by inviting a young guest, one who's supposedly possessed by the devil. (Showing at all Cathay cinemas and The Projector)

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