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How the cover gets made

"The cover is on the cruise industry in China."

"What about it?"

"It's a burgeoning industry there that could become huge. But there are challenges, specifically, cultural."

"So cruises are already somewhat awkward, but China being a communist country deeply rooted in tradition makes them more

"Something like that."

"Well, we have great photos:"



❸ "People taking selfies."

❸ "Four dudes in a hot tub."



• "Concerned crew."



"These are all interesting, but is there something that captures the subtle tension between the absurdity of cruises and the reluctant population they're trying to win over?"

*This guy!"

