

Movie Review: Your Name (Japanese: 君の名は。 Hepburn: Kimi no Na wa)

By Ulvi Jafarli



'Your Name' tells the story of a high school boy (Taki) in Tokyo and a high school girl (Mitsuha) in a rural town. The two characters suddenly and inexplicably begin to swap bodies. Taki is short tempered but well meaning and kind, and aspires to become an architect. He spends a happy life with his friends

and has a part-time job in an Italian restaurant. Meanwhile, Mitsuha is unsatisfied with her small-town life and wishes to move to Tokyo. She has a strained relationship with her father and is embarrassed by his often open displays of control as well as her part as a miko in rituals for her family's shrine creating kuchikamizake, an ancient traditional way of making sake involving chewing rice to intake yeast for fermentation.

Towards the beginning, we can see the comedic side of the movie, but later there are much deeper feelings that come to the surface. When both teenagers go to sleep, they switch places for the following day. One day, Taki wakes up in the morning to find himself in Mitsuha's body. His shock at having breasts, which he can't stop touching, brings a smile, like his confused attempt to fit in with her school life. Meanwhile, Mitsuha wakes up in Taki's male body and dreads going to the bathroom. She finds herself racing to keep up with all the appointments and duties listed on his phone. Mitsuha's feminine sensibilities shine through to good effect on the sophisticated older girl Taki has a crush on. Where Taki is awkward and tongue-tied around her, his stand-in Mitsuha is warm and relaxed, winning him a date.

This strange phenomenon continues to take place randomly, and the two must adapt their lives around each other. Yet, somehow, it works. They build a connection and communicate by leaving notes, messages, and more importantly, an imprint. When a beautiful comet lights up the night's sky, something shifts, and they seek each other out wanting something more—a chance to finally meet.

When the time comes, they realize they cannot be united for long. They attempt to write each other's names on their hands so they will remember each other. Maybe they can be together just long enough to make this discovery or maybe they will always be left with a profound mystery.

你吃了吗? Have You Eaten? Best Campus Delivery Options!

By Miko Jiang

How are you adjusting to life on campus at PKUSZ? For those new to China, don't apps make your life easier? Though perhaps they can also be so confusing and frustrating! Are you amazed and at the same time annoyed that everything starts and ends with WeChat? Have you tried to order meals, fruits or groceries via 美团外卖 (Meituan, the app with a yellow kangaroo) or 饿了么 (Eleme, the blue square with a white 'e' on it)?

When you start feeling bored with the food at our canteens and convenience stores, it's time to explore waimai (delivery) options!

If you don't speak or read Chinese, don't be worried, we will show you how to master this app. Before you realize it, you will be ordering food like a pro! Here is a step-by-step guide for your waimai adventure.

A. Set Up Your Account, Address, and Number

The smartest way is to let the app use your phone's GPS to find your location or to adjust your address on the map. You don't need to put your room number because the delivery person cannot enter the dorm building. Both apps enable you to order from hundreds of stores and restaurants that are located within 5 or 10 kilometers from the campus area.

B. Searching for Food

Even if you don't understand any Chinese characters, logos and pictures can be quite telling. First, always check for the rating of the store and be picky! Although there is a sense of adventure trying an unrated/low rated place, it may be better to rely on the wisdom of the previous customers. If you are craving something specific, you can search by dishes (Chinese). This is a great way to find new places. Once you have some favorite vendors, explore other dishes on their menu that are a mystery to you. To get you started with your exploration, I've provided some of my must-tries below:

1. 野食 (Yeslight salads)

For those watching their waistline, your appetite will no longer be suppressed once you try 野食 (Yeslight salads). They offer salads centered around chicken breasts, tuna, and beef. Besides the solid green base and playful veggie mix, you can add an extra boiled egg, cucumbers, purple sweet potatoes, pumpkin, broccoli, okra, and others. For ~ 25 RMB you can fill your longing stomach with a healthy and nutritious meal. Besides salads, you can find sandwiches and juices on the menu.

2. 壹煲煲仔饭

If you're interested in authentic Chinese food, I highly recommend 壹煲煲仔饭 (Yibao Clay Pot Rice). Clay pot rice or Baozaifan is a typical southern home-style cuisine, especially in Guangdong. The dish is made with some oil added to the clay pot beforehand, which later gets the lower part of rice enchantingly dry and crispy. I have to say the crispy part soaked with oil and sauce is exceedingly mouthwatering! 4.7 star proves everything! Toppings include Cantonese sausages, smoked pork, fried ribs, beef and egg, chicken and mushrooms, salty yolk and etc. Drizzle the soy sauce over everything and stir the rice. Get ready to gobble up rice flavoured with diverse ingredients!



3. 大掌柜凉皮肉夹馍

As an excellent representative of northern cuisines, I dare to present 凉皮 (liangpi; cold skin noodles) and 肉夹馍 (roujiamo; Chinese hamburger). Originally from Shaanxi province, these dishes are now widely consumed around the country. 大掌柜凉皮肉夹馍 (Dazhanggui Liangpi and Roujiamo) allows you to try the most popular northern street foods without leaving the campus! As you can see from the photo, the filling of roujiamo consists of shredded pork with herbs and fresh green peppers. The pan-baked bun is crispy on the outside but soft inside and soaked with the meat sauce. Liangpi are steamed noodles with a smooth and moist texture. Peanuts, diced cucumbers and spongy dough bring multiple tastes together. Honestly, the real charm of liangpi is its seasoning with sesame sauce and a mixture of vinegar, soy sauce, and sugar. Crushed chili and chili sauce are optional if you like spicy. Always good to know the phrase buyao la (不要辣, I don't want spicy), if you don't like spice!

4. 豪叔椰冰

As for desserts, 豪叔椰冰 (Uncle Hou's Ice House) has earned my praise. Recently founded in Xili district, it provides icy treats and juices of various fruits, including mango, passionfruit, strawberries, blackcurrants, peaches, durians, honeydew melons, watermelons and its specialty—coconut. Their coconut desserts have a great milky texture and long finish. With each chew, you can feel pieces of real coconut meat. Mango and passionfruit ice are my other favorites. The tropical fruity fragrance will make your mouth water the moment you open the box.



C. Payment and Collection

The good news is that Wechat pay works with both waimai apps. The delivery period varies from 20 to 40 minutes after successful payment, depending on the distance and the restaurant. The estimated time of arrival will be shown on the order page. Most of the time, you will receive a call from the delivery man/woman once (s)he is close by. This is where some problems might arise if your Chinese doesn't go beyond nihao. The inability to communicate with the store or deliverer can be, but do not despair!

First, most of the time, the delivery person only calls to inform you to come pick up the food and you can see on the map that they have arrived, so you can wing it by just saying that you are on your way. If there is some issue, don't hesitate to approach one of your classmates and ask for help, they will be happy to help you sort it out. Second, texting with the deliverer is possible via the app, which resembles the DiDi app except for built-in immediate translation function. All in all, ordering waimai online is challenging but not impossible! Take your chance and have fun!

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NEW ARRIVALS

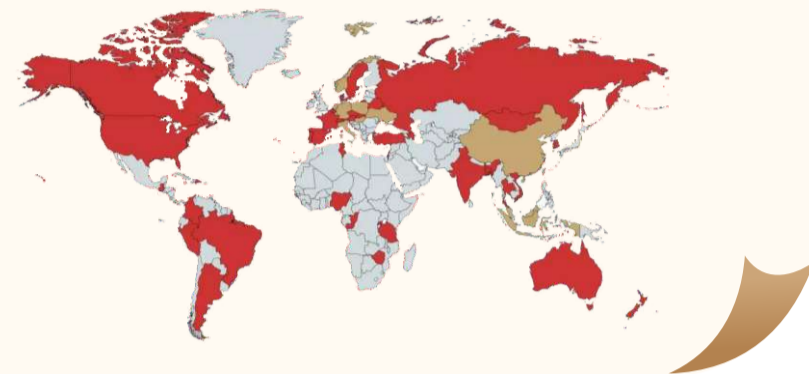
As the new academic year gradually unfolds, we are joined by new friends from around the globe. Our aspiring graduates come to Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School, for their academic pursuits, their love for Chinese culture, their shared vision, and their belief in a promising future for the world.

This academic year, around 130 international students are joining us. The number one country they come from is Germany, but we have new international students from 46 other countries as well!

WORLD MAP

Come from 47 Countries

A truly international campus!



INTERVIEWS

Luca Deambrogio, Italy, Exchange



I chose PKUSZ because it is a leading university in China. I am also very interested in Chinese culture and customs. Thus, coming here was a great opportunity for me.

I am Italian and I really like Italian cuisine! I would have brought with me some food if I had the opportunity to cook it. Unfortunately, kitchens are not available on campus and, consequently, I didn't bring anything special from my home country.

Cherry Li, Norway, Exchange



I chose China and PHBS because I want to experience Chinese economic growth from the first row, especially Shenzhen since it has grown so rapidly in the last 40 years. Just kidding, it's actually because Norway is boring.

I don't know what I can bring from Norway. I brought salmon with me, but I ate them all.

Piotr Gerus, Poland, Exchange



All my friends from China said that Peking University is the best one in China. And since I'm interested in business, Peking University Business School was the obvious choice.

Yes, I brought many sweets - ptasie mleczko, chocolates, malaga, korsarze, wafelki familijne; cosmetics from Ziaja and Polish vodka as gifts. For personal use, I brought cosmetics, medicines and some clothes.

Eszter Lukács, Hungary, Exchange



I have never been to Asia before, and China seemed to be a very exciting place to spend my exchange semester. PKUSZ was very appealing, with its broad selection of Master's level finance courses.

I knew that I will probably buy a lot of stuff in China so I tried not to bring too many things from home with me. I only brought photos of my family, friends and boyfriend and a little notebook where I write about my ideas, goals and experiences. From Denmark I took some candies which I got from my friends for the journey.

Masha Semenenko, Ukraine, Exchange



I love to learn about new cultures and experience various lifestyles. That is why approximately a year ago, just after starting my graduate program in Humboldt University of Berlin, I decided to look for exchange opportunities. Even though my university has a lot of partnerships in Europe, I knew it would not be a big cultural and environmental change for me. To study in Asia, which is totally different from what I'm used to, became my goal. I was more than happy to be accepted for a semester abroad in Peking University.

From my native country, Ukraine, I brought my favorite embroidery shirt "vshyvanka", which is a part of our traditional clothes. And of course, I brought Ukrainian spirit, which I am very glad to share during my stay in China!

Nigel Wong, Malaysia, Management



Actually, I did not choose PKUSZ. I wanted to apply to a city close to Shanghai Disneyland, but ended up in the city far from the Shanghai Disneyland. Thankfully, PKUSZ is close to Hong Kong Disneyland.

My friends ordered a Mickey Mouse T-shirt with '上海' written on it to congratulate my entry to PKUSZ, and probably also to remind me to go Disneyland with them. I guess that would be my treasure which I brought from home, to remind myself that I have such awesome friends with such kind intentions.

Brandon Stefano, Indonesia, Management



I love technology. I am really interested to work in tech companies in China and observe the tech scene here.

I brought a pillow and honey.

Li Yao, China, Exchange



There are several reasons I chose to study at PKU. First, PKU has a high academic reputation not only in China but also in the world. Secondly, I am considering finding a job in Shenzhen, so I've come back to do some investigating. Thirdly, I also need to take an important exam here. (I won't tell you the main reason is I miss HOT POT and all the other delicious foods here). I brought PINGYAO beef and little snacks I like and other normal stuff Chinese student may bring. Also, most importantly, myself.

Til Balcke, Germany, Management



I chose PKU because it is such a prestigious institution with a remarkable history of education and development. For me, PKU also stands for the outstanding performance of Chinese economy in international trade and relationships. Thanks to PKU, I have the opportunity to be a part of that development. I am both proud and grateful for this. As China and Germany have a strong relationship due to a long history of trade, I see a bright future for both of these countries.

Daniel Vuyk, Netherlands, Exchange



One of the most important reasons for my choice of studying at PKU is its reputation as an internationally acclaimed and top-ranking university, topping the rankings of Chinese business schools. Studying at PHBS in specific also means that I get to advance my understanding and experience in the field of international business as it is located in the so-called "Chinese Silicon Valley". Just in case I would feel homesick (although I could hardly imagine that), one of the things I just had to take with me are my favorite Dutch cookie "stroopwafels", or caramel syrup wafers in English. I bought so many that people at the supermarket even called me obsessed... All in all, I'm very looking forward to the adventures that the coming semester may bring!

An International Voice for a Global Campus, the International Student Union (ISU)

by Hari Vamsi

Student associations play a key role in student involvement and development in various aspects of their career while they are furthering their studies. Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School has over 40 such associations for both domestic and international students to get involved with. One such association, the International Student Union (ISU), specifically targets international to help facilitate their involvement in campus life and form a collective voice.

The Early Stage

The ISU began in 2013. Initially, it was similar to a 'shell organization', assisting in organizing an annual Thanksgiving Celebration and smaller cultural events on campus. After reformation in August 2018, ISU started operating independently with Ekaterina Peter as president, Kevin Kurnia as former president, and 10 first year students on board to build an organization that would represent the interests of international students on campus. The mission of the organization includes helping international students in their career development, and bridging domestic and international students social groups to allow the best cultural exchange possible. The ISU is appropriately described as a "platform for all students to have an exposure to different cultures and traditions."

Current Status

The ISU has shown sustainable growth. In 2018, the number of members increased to 18. This year, its membership increased again to 22 members actively involved in the organization. One of its biggest goals this year is to work jointly with PHBS to launch a career development center for students. They envision it including job/internship postings and seminars related to career development. Currently, ISU is in the process of expanding the network with companies and other institutions which provide full time internship or job opportunities to the students. They also launched a Language Buddy program which aims to promote cultural integration through collaboration between English and Chinese language learners. They are also planning various hackathons, workshops and seminars to enhance the skills and knowledge of the students in various fields of their interest.

The ISU's current president, Jackson Collantes, said, "The ISU aims to make international students fully involved in PHBS campus life and learn foreign cultures. By organizing various events on campus, it aims to bridge the gap between Chinese and international students and bring them to a single platform to exchange knowledge and skills in various aspects of cultural diversities."



Becoming an ISU member fetches a lot of exposure to wider cultural, professional and academic backgrounds. ISU helps members develop different lenses to approach and solve issues. "By joining ISU, it ensured I can improve skills in various aspects like teamwork, fast learning, self-motivation, leadership abilities and decision making," said former president Ekaterina Peter. "It helped me in establishing a network of meaningful connections within and outside of Peking University HSBC Business School for life after graduation."

ISU aims to help international students have a career in China and to expand the scope of their current activities. Through career development, cultural integration, campus life, and proper student support, a student can successfully adapt to Chinese culture and traditions and thrive in China.

We Are: School of Environment and Energy

Mei Siyu



Do you know all the 8 different schools that make up PKUSZ? This semester, we are introducing one of the schools in each issue of the newspaper. We hope this encourages you to get out and meet some new friends from different fields of study!

The School of Environment and Energy (SEE) was established in 2009. The school's mission is to establish environmental energy frontier disciplines, set up low-carbon research teaching paradigms, train elites capable of solving environmental energy problems, and develop environmentally-friendly leading industries. The school specializes in researching new energy technology and it continuously promotes the sustainable energy and the sustainable development of the human social environment.

Being a student at SEE means you get the chance to be at the center of creating solutions for regional environmental issues. Currently, SEE is committed to studying the atmospheric, water and solid waste pollution issues under the background of urbanization, developing pollutants, waste resources and energy technologies, developing new technologies for renewable energy, and conducting comprehensive research on technologies from a multi-faceted perspective.

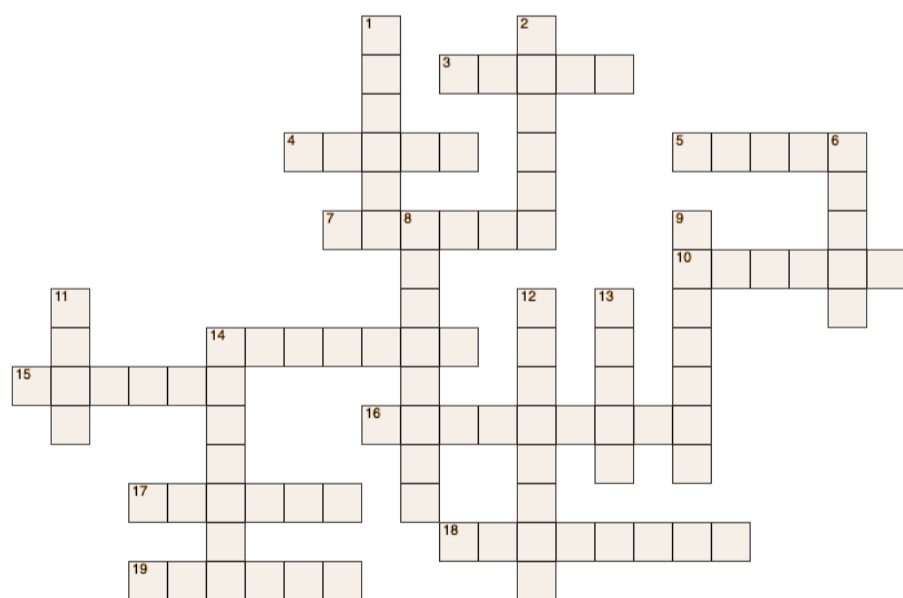
The life students spend in SEE can be called super diverse due to interdisciplinary academic environment. Some students will spend their whole day in a lab doing experiments with soil samples, some will stand on the top of the research building setting up detectors for measuring some parameter of the air. They could also be staring at characters flashing on a screen and typing away furiously at a keyboard, or inputting data into several big workload computers. Many students also venture off campus and board a boat for water samples or trek through some rough terrain.

At present, SEE has nearly 200 master's and doctoral students. It has built more than 30 high-level international teaching and research teams. Faculty includes 7 professors, 3 associate professors, 3 assistant professors, with support from associate researchers, assistant researchers, and 14 postdoctoral fellows), 12 teachers of Peking University headquarters, and more than 10 visiting professors.

Crossword Puzzle

By Jackson Boyd

Send a picture of the completed crossword puzzle to thenanyan@gmail.com for a chance at a monthly prize!



CLUES

ACROSS

- 3 sunny vacation destination
- 4 underground transit
- 5 Nile, Amazon, Yangtze, Dasha
- 7 Johnson's EU departure
- 10 Istanbul's country
- 14 _____ Times, US newspaper
- 15 50th US state
- 16 Federer's championship
- 17 _____ Five, band
- 18 China studies
- 19 Mobike color

DOWN

- 1 six-string instrument
- 2 trade stocks here
- 6 East Asian noodle style
- 8 stay in shape
- 9 future graduate
- 11 clay warriors' home
- 12 _____ five, many internationals' home
- 13 Chinese search engine
- 14 most populous African country

The First Steps in Learning Chinese

By Jiang Dongyuan



Learning a foreign language can be an arduous journey, but it all starts from the first step. For many international students in PKUSZ, their first steps in learning Chinese are already behind them, but they could never be forgotten. We set out to hear international student recall their first attempts at Chinese. For those just beginning, remember you are not alone!

It should come as no surprise that most interviewees said "你好n ĭ hǎo" ("Hello") and the similar "早上好zǎo shàng hǎo" ("Good morning") were their first Chinese words. As Juan Diego Sanchez

from Spain observes, it is quite common to see Chinese people greet each other with "早上好" and a smile. Emily Michalzik from Germany added that "你好" is a very powerful phrase and can be used in many occasions besides greetings. For example, when she is in need, "你好" can easily help get someone's attention. Thus she cannot live without "你好" in China.

The second most shared response is also not surprising: "谢谢xiè xiè" ("Thanks"). Since Chinese people emphasize courtesy and etiquette, it is necessary for international students to know how to express gratitude in Chinese, and saying "谢谢" is of course the easiest way. But Sina Hansen from Norway holds a different opinion on learning "谢谢." She says that she learned "谢谢" first because she found it the easiest to pronounce. Although this might be true for Sina, pronouncing "谢谢" correctly doesn't seem to be such an easy task for other international students, according to their responses.

Something that confuses new beginners is that Chinese people have various ways to greet others besides nihao. Frank Hepworth from Germany shared that the first word his Chinese teacher said to him was "你吃了吗? n ĭ ch ĭ le ma?" ("Have you had a meal?"), and he was at a loss. It took Frank a long time to fully understand the meaning of "你吃了吗" because it is simply a greeting but not really asking what one has eaten. Functionally, it is equivalent to "Such a nice day today isn't it?" But anyway, thanks to the Chinese teacher, "你吃了吗" has made a very deep impression on Frank's mind.

Another interesting response was from Camilla Serafini from Italy. Her first Chinese word was "洗手间 x ĭ sh ō u j i ā n" ("restroom"). She learned this because she wanted to find a toilet and she needed to ask for help. It was a bit embarrassing at first but later on she found this word very helpful and Chinese people very friendly. Camilla now loves this word very much and she even names her chatroom "洗手间."

The survey ended in the late night and many international students were gathering around Mirror Lake drinking beer. When a group of guys were asked to recall their first Chinese word, they unanimously replied with "干杯g ā n b ē i" ("Cheers") and they did cheer. For many international students, beer is as important as learning toilet. Therefore, saying "你好" and "谢谢" is outdated, and the new fashion along Mirror Lake is "干杯"—Let's cheer for PKUSZ!

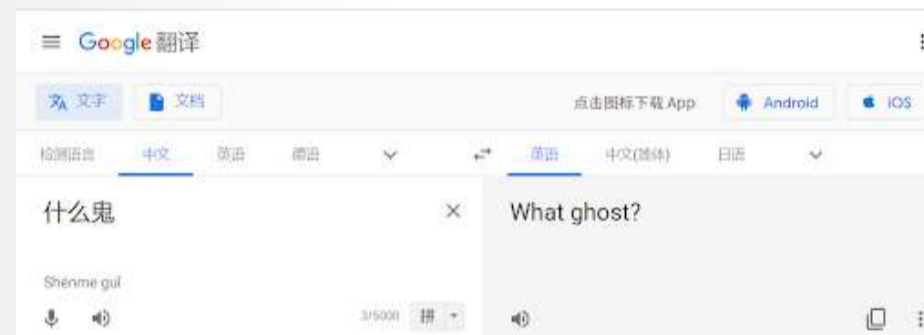
The journey of learning Chinese still goes on, and many interesting stories are yet to come. But in retrospect, the first steps can tell a lot. Do you have a different story to tell?

What Ghost? Chinese Slang for the Halloween Season

by Chen Yingying

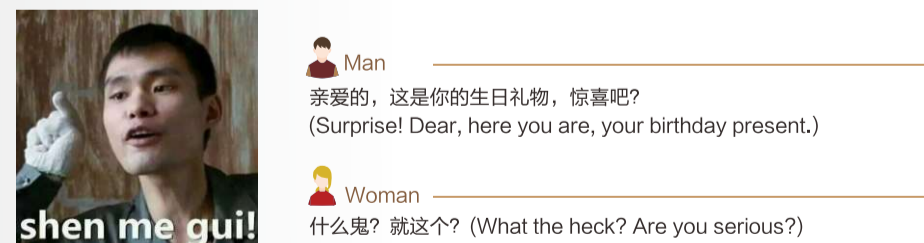
Since there are so many ghost costumes and haunted attractions on Halloween, Chinese people often call it '鬼节'. When talking about '鬼', which is 'Ghost' in English, scary images may flash in your minds. But '鬼' can mean much more than ghost in Chinese. So, check out some fun relating to '鬼'.

1. 什么鬼? (sh ě n me gu ĭ)



If you google translate it, you would get 'What ghost'. It makes sense if you know a little bit of Chinese. Congratulations! You are wrong. Things can't be that simple, can they? It actually means exactly the same as 'What the heck?' Let's try this out in everyday conversation.

Example:



2. 死鬼 (s i gu i)

'死' is 'dead', '鬼' is 'ghost'. Combine them together, boom~ You get 'dead ghost'. It is certainly not the case. '死鬼' is a personal pronoun, serving as 'you', usually used in romantic relationships by women. '死鬼' contains complex emotions towards the one you refer to. Mostly love, but can be mixed with some blame, especially when he made little mistake and you are going to forgive him out of love, yet still want to say 'hey, no more like this' in an ambiguous way. An example will make this more clear.

Example:

A couple planned to watch a movie together at home after work. The husband had to work overtime and came home late. His wife knew nothing about this and thought he would come home early as usual.



Wife: 死鬼, 你怎么才回来? 人家都等你很久了。(Why are you so late? I have been waiting for you.)

3. 内鬼 (n e i gu i)

You may hear '我们当中有内鬼' in some Chinese gangster films. So, you can definitely tell that this time it is not some sort of ghost. Yep, you got it right. Here, '内鬼' is a word for 'spy' or 'mole'. Next time you see it you know it is a spy, not a ghost inside of you!

Example:

You are playing football, but there is someone always making things worse on your team, like passing the ball to your opponent. You could call him '内鬼'.

There are rare situations when '鬼' is simply 'ghost' in Chinese. So, think twice on '鬼' when you hear it.

Happy Halloween!!! Time to start scaring your friends with your wicked Chinese skills.

