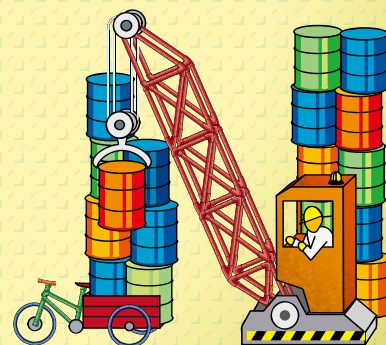
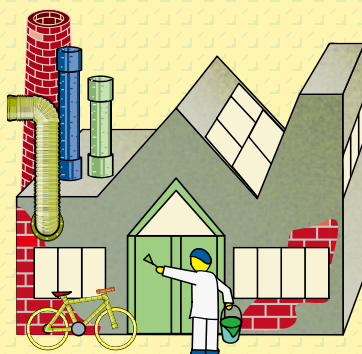
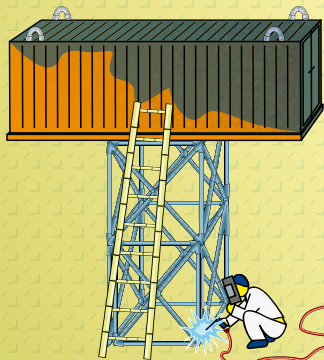
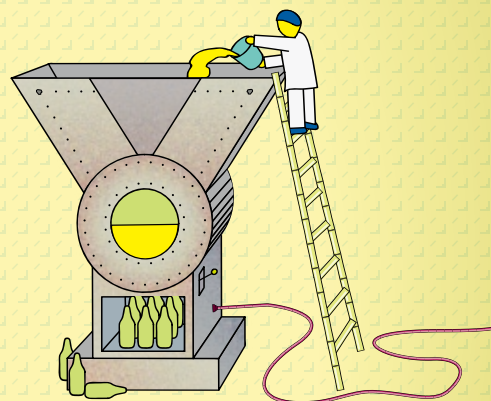
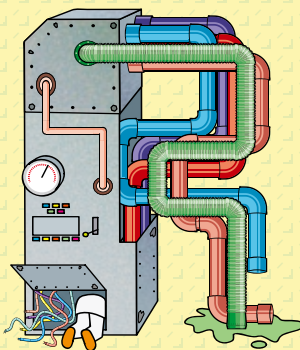
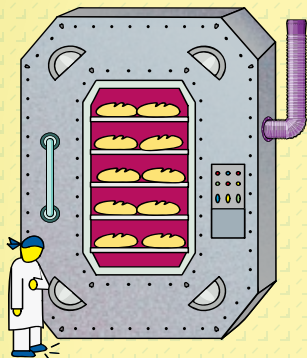
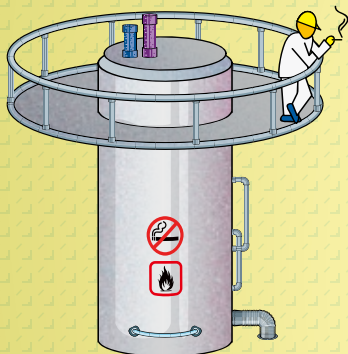
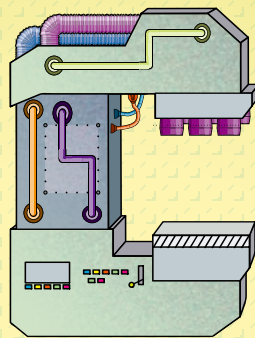
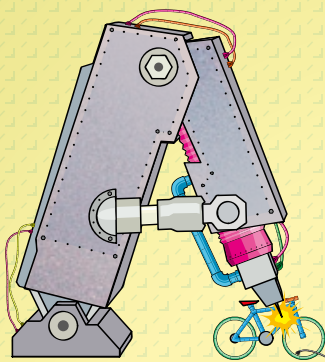
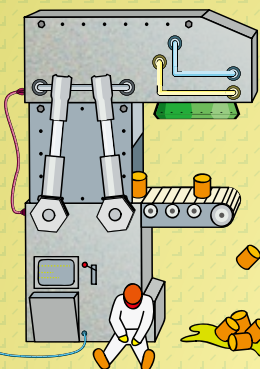


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EDITOR'S NOTE

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There is only one thing I wish to talk about this month: Paul Pairet's new high-concept, 10-seat restaurant Ultraviolet, and the most curious dining experience I've ever had. It starts out simply enough, with 10 diners meeting at Mr & Mrs Bund, greeted with a splash of pear cider.

They must've slipped us a Mickey Finn though, because the next thing you know we were bundled woosily into a van, forced to change into orange boiler suits, put on headphones blasting Barney the dinosaur in our ears – in French – and don blacked-out skiing mask so we could not give up the closely-guarded secret location. As the drugs kicked in, we passed out.

Suddenly a sack is being whipped off my head.

Eyes adjusting to the light, I find myself in a disused warehouse, completely naked, and the pinnacle of a human pyramid of my fellow diners. Enter a wild-eyed Pairet brandishing a rusty meat cleaver and threatening to feed my plums to the person below me, all the while ranting maniacally about the known unknowns of psycho-taste.

I jest, I jest.

That experience is the exclusive preserve of hedge fund managers.

Seriously though, the van whisking you to a clandestine location bit is true, but rather than a taxi to the dark side, Ultraviolet takes you on a magical mystery tour. I have to admit it, it was the best dining experience I have ever had. You can read all about it though the eyes, ears, nose, mouth and miscellaneous (it's an all-sensory experience, you see) of Food and Drink Editor Monica Liau on p74.

There are other things going on this month in Shanghai. And this magazine is positively bustin' with 'em. May the page-flicking commence!

Ned Kelly
Editor in Chief

WHY THANK YOU...

A big thank you to CHAR bar at Hotel Indigo for providing the perfect background for our May issue cover shoot, and of course to our beautiful model, Miss Atina Guo. We've heard her new brunch at Xibo is scrumdiddlyumptious, by the way...



Win! Win! Win!

Three sets of Mandarin fridge magnets from **Fridge Lingo** p22, virtual personal assistant packages from **VPA** p23, tickets to **Last Man Standing** boxing p24, a manicure from **Jasmine Nail Spa** p41, an Aroma Wellness Massage at **CHI Spa at Pudong Shangri-La** p41, tickets to **Tan Dun's Water Heavens** p46, tickets to **Propeller's Henry V** and **The Winter's Tale** p50, tickets to **Punchline Comedy Club** p51, tickets to **Blue Lane's Closer** p52, tickets to **5th Wall Theater's Sons of Liberty** p52, tickets to **East West Theatre's Exit 2nd Banana** and **One-Act Double-Bill** p53, a copy of **Sheng Keyi's novel Northern Girls** p56, tickets to **Jason Mraz Allien** p96, tickets to Shanghai Grand Theatre's **Metropolitan Opera HD Live Series'** screening of **Aida** and **Madame Butterfly** p97, a pair of seats at the **M on the Bund M Food Talk lunch** p124 and a whole lot more in our **Urban Eyes** pullout!

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