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版权页：插图：Shanghai is also called 'Hu' for short and known as 'Shen' because of its location by the Chunshen (also Huangpu) River, named after the Lord of Chunshen during the Warring States Period (475-221 B.C.). Simply by the name of it, Shanghai (literally Upper Sea in Chinese) is a city closely associated with water. The geographical seaside location and innumerable water courses contribute a lot to Shanghai's development, making a fishing village into an international metropolis. The Huangpu River flowing across the city from south to north and all the way into the East China Sea has always been the major route of river transportation since modern times. The historical architecture along the Bund by the Huangpu River has become a famous scenic sight, renowned at home and abroad. By comparison, the longer and narrower Suzhou Creek which flows from west to east is of totally different style and features. Suzhou Creek was previously known as the Wusong River. After Shanghai opened its port to foreign trade, Westerners renamed it as Suzhou Creek, since it reaches Suzhou. This name is still used today, and most people have forgotten the original name. Since the Huangpu River used to be the starting point of the foreign settlements at the east of the city, Westerners relied on it to enter and leave. The European style buildings were everywhere, surrounded by foreign firms and hotels which keep their original appearance up to the present day. By comparison, Suzhou Creek is more introverted and complicated. Despite of the fact that it is also a major route for river transportation which links Shanghai with the hinterland in China, Suzhou Creek was much less internationalized. The long and meandering Suzhou Creek traverses several districts of Shanghai with different functions and different views at different locations, whether it be a forest of Western-style buildings in the eastern section, the dense cargo areas in the middle section or a jumble of factories in the western section, which form varied characteristic segments across the city. Besides, the Creek is narrow, no more than 70 meters at its widest place, so it is comparatively easy to build bridges. In 1856, foreign merchants built the first bridge, the Wells Bridge. Since then, more and more bridges have been built over the Creek, connecting the districts of both sides. More importantly, for the ordinary people, the Bund, a representative of the Huangpu River, is a microcosm of a dazzling foreign world, an unapproachable area for extravagant consumption; but the Suzhou River is more approachable. Compared with the Huangpu River, Suzhou River is modest, real and more affordable, for this is where people live and work and where their very existence is.

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