

## *The Betty Letters*

*My Dear Grandchild,*

*Bo-Bo, my froglike husband, nags me at least once per month to colour his hair black for him even though he has very little hair left on his head. According to The Frog, when he goes to Beijing, it is considered a rudeness to have grey hair on one's head when one could easily have black hair. He explained that there is nothing wrong with grey hair, but it is considered that, as a politician in China, it is expected that one should have black hair in order to fit in with the other 3,000 members of the National People's Congress. In a sea of black hair, grey hair on a delegate's head would stand out like an eyesore, the Frog remarked. I read, recently, that US President Barack Hussein Obama, also, has the little fuzzy hair, left on his head, coloured black, from time to time. When the Paramount Leader of China, Mr Hu Jin Tao (), went to Washington to visit President Barack Hussein Obama, the first black President of the United States of America, the US President quickly telephoned his hair, colour-master in order that his hair shows no signs of having turned from black to grey (or white). For myself, I think that a mature man with grey hair looks more distinguished than a young man. Of course, in the case of my fat frog, well, what can one say. What surprised me was that President Barack Hussein Obama, in my book, is intelligent and he needs to try to fool nobody that he is showing signs of ageing. He is, after all, 50 years old, you know. The Frog is approaching 75 years so how can a 75, year-old man have black hair? It is really silly to have him dye the little hair he has left on his head into the colour of coal. For President Barack Hussein Obama, on the other hand, white hair on a background of a black scalp would be rather attractive in my book. Actually, I think that he is a very good-looking man just the way in which his God made him.*

*According to The Frog, when I raised the issue of the US President's preference for black hair, it was not the President's choice to dye his hair black, but the suggestion of one of his aides. Which raises the question as to the intelligence of some of his aides. The Frog again: 'It would be considered rude for the leader of the strongest nation of the world, who is just 50 years old, to show his grey hair at a dinner, honouring the man who rules the second, most-important nation in the world, while the 69-year-old, Mr Hu Jin Tao has, completely, black hair without a trace of greyness.' This, of course, raises the question as to the reason that Mr Hu Jin Tao is afraid to show the world that he has grey hair. Who, one might ask, is the adviser to Mr Hu Jin Tao? Does Mr Hu Jin Tao think that he is fooling anybody? Does Mr Barack Hussein Obama think that he is fooling anybody with his fuzzy blackened grey hair? One is what one is and one cannot halt the ageing process, try as one might. The Frog eats too much and, as a result, he is fat. That is the price that he pays for gluttony. I keep trim by eating lots of fresh vegetables and fresh fruit and very little animal fat. However, to be honest, my hair is, also, grey, and I only highlight it, from time to time, in order to make myself look more appealing to my public. One must keep up appearances, you know.*

*Talk to you, next week.*

*Chief Lady*

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