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CATS IN KOREA

It will take 6+ months until I hear back from my birthmother.
My childhood Korean friend used to sign e-mails with this: =^.^=

so I thought Koreans must like cats!
but I made friends with a PhD candidate who taught me the power of Oma's kimchi

and cleanliness and she said it's just not true. Our friendship didn't last
because she doesn't like the sound of music.

In Korea, cat meat was historically boiled
and made into a tonic as a folk remedy for neuralgia and arthritis,

but @Just1WayTicket says that cat cafés are on every corner (see: just get off at Hongik
University, exit 9)—just don't spank the cat.