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Was It Heaven? Or Hell?

〈上天堂？或下地獄？〉 —Synopsis by Bertus van Aswegen

〈上天堂？或下地獄？〉為美國知名作家馬克·吐溫（Mark Twain, 1835–1910）的短篇故事。在故事中，兩位姨婆原本堅信說謊有罪，但面對重病的外甥女，是否還能堅守住不說謊的信念呢？故事最後以開放式結局（open ending）讓讀者自己思考，做出判斷與選擇。



正常 Track 1
慢速 Track 78

In a house lived a family of four women. There were the widow* Margaret, her sixteen-year-old daughter Helen, and Margaret's two aunts, Hannah and Hester. They lived happily together, and the house was full of love. However, the aunts couldn't **tolerate**¹ lying, for they considered it a terrible **sin**.²

Therefore, when Helen **confessed**³ one day that she had told a lie, the aunts were shocked. "You told a LIE?" they said. They thought Helen should confess it to her mother as well, but Helen begged them to **keep the awful news from her mother**, who was ill in bed. The

aunts refused and brought Helen to see Margaret. When Margaret heard of the lie, she forgave Helen immediately and hugged her.

Then, Margaret's doctor came into the room and **scolded**⁴ the aunts for **disturbing**⁵ Margaret. When the aunts explained why they were there, he found the reason foolish. He told them that everyone lies. "Don't you know the difference between a lie that helps and a lie that hurts?" he added. "All lies are sinful," Hannah replied. Hester **insisted** that she wouldn't lie to save someone's soul because liars go to hell.

* 中文註釋請參閱第 166 頁

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〈小公主與詩人〉

—Synopsis by Bertus van Aswegen

〈小公主與詩人〉作者為英國作家兼記者伊芙琳·夏普（Evelyn Sharp, 1869–1955）。她早年曾出版多本小說及短篇故事集，之後投身爭取婦女選舉權（women's suffrage）的運動。這篇故事講的是備受寵愛的小公主與外表醜陋但內心善良的詩人之間的互動。小公主雖自幼失明，卻反而不被外表所惑，真正欣賞詩人作品的深度與其關懷貧苦階層的憐憫之心。



正常 Track 29

慢速 Track 106

A long time ago, there was a poet who wandered from city to city, singing poems wherever he went. He had scars* and wrinkles on his face, and his ugliness made him unwanted in many places. Since his poems were about poor people and their struggles, he'd go to poor areas to **recite**¹ his poems. However, no one wanted to hear what they already knew.

Then, someone suggested that the poet go to the **palace**² where a princess who had been blind since birth lived. She loved hearing poems and had many poets at her service.³ Excited, the poet headed for the palace.



When he arrived, the guards wouldn't let him in. "All the poets in the palace have **smooth**,³ smiling faces," they said, refusing to believe he was a poet. "No man can be a poet if he has not toiled* and suffered," the poet replied. The blind princess who was nearby heard the poet's voice and profound* words and **commanded**⁴ the guards to let him in. She took his hand and led him to the dining hall, where the queen, king, and other poets were gathered. "At last I have found a real poet," she announced.

1. Then, someone suggested that . . . 句子分析

a Then, someone suggested that the poet go to the palace [where a princess {who had been blind since birth} lived].

where 引導的關係子句

修飾 the palace

who 引導的關係子句

修飾 a princess

b where 關係子句的動詞

a 句型 suggest + that S. (should) + V. 表示「建議某人做某事」。that 子句中的 should 常省略、保留原形動詞，如文中用法。

- I suggest that we put the apples in the refrigerator to keep them fresh.
我建議我們應該把蘋果放進冰箱讓它們保鮮。

b since 表示「自從」，在此作介系詞，後面接時間點，常搭配完成式，故句中用 had been blind。

- The two of them have been dating since college.
他們倆從大學就開始約會了。

2. head for + 地點 前往某地

head 作動詞時，表示「朝著……前進」，作不及物用，之後須接「介系詞 + N.」或副詞。

- After school, Eleanor headed directly for her math tutor's house.
放學後，艾蓮諾直接前往她數學家教家裡。
- Since it was getting dark, we decided to head back to camp.
由於天色漸漸黑了，我們決定回到營地去。

字彙 Vocabulary

*為大考出現過的字彙

*1. **recite** [ri'saɪt] v. 吟誦、朗誦；細數、講述
Crystal can recite the names of all 44 US presidents.

2. **palace** [peɪləs] n. 皇宮；宮殿
The king's palace is located on top of a hill.

*3. **smooth** [smuð] adj. 光滑、平滑的；流暢的
Pam likes to wear silk pajamas because they're smooth to the touch.

*4. **command** [kə'maɪnd] v. 命令
The general commanded the soldiers to march.

* 字彙小單記：僅供參考 ◆ 為補充說明

- scar [skor] n. 傷疤；傷痕
- toil [tɔɪl] v. 辛苦工作；艱難緩慢地行走
- profound [prə'faʊnd] adj. 深刻、深奧的；知識淵博的
- at sb's service 指「(某人) 聽候某人差遣、隨時為某人效勞；(某事物) 供某人使用」。

原文這麼說

“. . . it would have been difficult to find a face with less beauty in it, for he looked as if all the cares and the annoyances of the world had been imprinted on his countenance and left it scarred with lines.”

“. . . 很難找到比他更醜陋的臉，因為他看起來好像全世界的憂慮和煩惱都印在他的臉容上而使得他的臉佈滿了皺紋。”

Give It a Try 請依句意填入正確英文。

① 我建議你去找個醫生檢查你的膝蓋。

I _____ that you _____ your knee checked by a doctor.

② 王子命令那個年輕男子講述一個好笑的故事。

The prince _____ the young man to _____ a funny story.

③ 那群士兵前往洞穴以躲避沙塵暴。

The soldiers _____ the cave to escape the dust storm.

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The Queen of Spades

〈黑桃皇后〉

—Synopsis by Bertus van Aswegen

〈黑桃皇后〉為俄國作家亞歷山大·普希金 (Alexander Pushkin, 1799–1837) 的短篇小說，後來被知名作曲家柴可夫斯基 (Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky) 改編成歌劇 (opera)。流傳更廣。普希金出身貴族世家，以詩歌和小說聞名，為十九世紀俄國浪漫主義文學的代表人物，也是現實主義文學的奠基者，被譽為「俄羅斯文學之父」。

 正常 Track 55
慢速 Track 132

One winter night in Russia, some men gather at an officer's house to play cards. Only one of them does not play, preferring to **observe**¹ the game instead. "How is it, Herman, that you never touch a card?" a player asks. Herman replies that although gambling interests him, he does not want to lose his money.

This **remark**² leads Tomsky, another officer present, to tell the story of his grandmother. The Countess Anna Fedorovna, Tomsky says, used to play

Info Box

第 5 行 How is it that S. + V.? 用來詢問原因，表示「怎麼會……？；為什麼……？」。

第 10 行 present 作形容詞用，表示「在場的；出席的」，前面省略了 who is。

第 18 行片語動詞 turn to 在此表示「向……求助」，受詞為人或機構。

第 26 行副詞片語 in no time 指「很快地；沒多久」。



cards in Paris when she was young. One time, she lost **so much** money playing cards at a duke's house **that her husband became furious.**³ He refused to pay her debt.

Not knowing who else to turn to, she contacted an old friend, Count Saint-Germain. However, **instead of** giving her money, he told her a secret involving three cards. The next day, she went back to the duke's house to play cards. Following the **instructions**⁴ of Saint-Germain, she bet on three **specific**⁵ cards. In no time, she won all her money back. Tomsky says his grandmother has shared her secret only once in her life, and that was to help a dear friend get out of a gambling debt.

1. instead 與 instead of 的用法

instead 為副詞，表示「相反地；反而；作為替代」。

- Diane didn't go to school today. Instead, she stayed home.

戴安今天沒有去上學。她反而待在家裡。

- Don't watch TV all afternoon. Go out for a walk instead.

不要整個下午都在看電視。改出去散散步吧！

instead of 為片語介系詞（文中第 20 行），之後接被取代的名詞或 V-ing，表示「代替……；而不是……」。

- Instead of doing all the work yourself, why not ask your cousins for help?

不要自己做所有的工作，何不找你的表弟妹們幫忙呢？

2. so Adj./Adv. that S. + V.

如此……以致於……；非常……結果……

此句型中的 that 子句表示結果，so 之後要接形容詞或副詞；還可用「so many + 複數可數名詞」或「so much + 不可數名詞」表示「非常多的……以致於……」，如文中用法。

- Ashley was so cold that her lips turned blue.
愛雪莉冷到嘴唇都變藍色了。

補充用法

such... that S. + V. (p. 122 第 26 行) 也可指「非常……以致於……」，但 such 之後接名詞，句型為：

such + (Adj.) + 單數可數名詞	+ that S. + V.
such + (Adj.) + 複數可數名詞 (Adj.) + 不可數名詞	

- I was in such a hurry that I forgot to grab my cell phone.

我非常匆忙以致於忘了拿手機。

撲克牌花色
Playing Card Suits

- spades [speɪdz] 黑桃
- hearts [ha:tɪz] 紅心
- diamonds [daɪməndz] 方塊
- clubs [klʌbz] 梅花

字彙 Vocabulary

- observe [əb'zɜ:v] v. 觀察、觀看；評論

observation [əb'zɜ:vəʃən] n. 觀察、觀測資料；評語

I observed my mother pouring the eggs into the frying pan.

- remark [rɪ'mɑ:k] n. 言語、評論 v. 評論

Yvonne made a remark about the store's bad service.

- furious [fju:riəs] adj. 熱怒的、狂怒的

fury [fju:ri] n. 暴怒

Eva was furious because her boyfriend told her to lose weight.

- instruction [ɪn'strʌkʃən] n. 指示、指令；教導

instruct [ɪn'strʌkt] v. 指示、命令 (p. 122 第 10 行)

The instructions on the box show you how to put together the bed.

- specific [spɪ'sɪfɪk] adj. 特定的；明確的

The garbage truck passes by at specific times of the day.

爵位小辭典

- countess [kaʊntɪs] n. 伯爵夫人；女伯爵（第 19 行的 count [kaʊnt] 則指「伯爵」）
- duke [du:k] n. 公爵

Give It a Try

請選出正確選項。

- Make sure you follow the ____ if you don't want to make a mistake.
 - instructions
 - remarks
- Was there a ____ color that you were looking for?
 - furious
 - specific
- I don't want ice cream. ____, I'd like a slice of cake.
 - Instead of
 - Instead