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The Coming of the King

國王駕到

這則故事是選自美國作家勞拉·理查茲 (Laura E. Richards, 1850-1943) 的短篇作品。一群孩子為了國王的到來，將原本髒兮兮的遊戲場整理的乾乾淨淨，無意間卻招待了一個意外到訪的客人。對純真的孩子們來說，無論到來的是國王或是其他人，似乎沒那麼重要了。這名訪客跟孩子們之間有著甚麼樣的對話，又會帶給孩子們甚麼樣的感受呢？最後國王到底有沒有來呢？



Some youths¹ were on a playground. They were at play when they heard someone blowing² a trumpet.³

5 That person then cried aloud, "The King is coming! Get ready for the King!"



10 The youths stopped and looked at each other. One said, "Oh, no! The King's going to see our dirty playground." Another said, "We can't embarrass⁴ ourselves! Let's put this place in order!"

15 They all agreed and got down to work. After they finished cleaning, they made their playground look nice and pretty. It was now ready for the King.

幾個孩子在遊戲場玩，此時聽見有人在吹喇叭，接著那個人大聲喊道：「國王要來了！準備好迎接國王！」



孩子們楞了一下、看了看彼此，其中一個人說：「喔，不！國王會看到我們髒兮兮的遊戲場。」另一個人說：「我們不能讓自己丟臉！一起把這個地方整理乾淨吧。」

他們所有人有志一同，著手整理了起來，整理乾淨後，遊戲場看起來舒適又宜人，準備好迎接國王的到來。

20 The youths waited all day for the King to come, but he never did. **Before long**, a man in travel clothes passed by. He was **slim⁵** and had a kind face.

25 **The man** was tired and **asked if he could rest** in their pleasant space. The youths welcomed him gladly. They had him sit on their throne.*



everyone and put his hand on their heads. The **touch**¹¹ warmed their hearts.

ch 發 [tʃ] 的音，如文中的 touch 和常見的 child、chat、rich 和 teach 等字。

As he walked away, the youths
45 talked **among**¹² themselves. They thought he was really kind. Suddenly, one said, "Look! The sun on his hair looks like a crown* of gold!"



1. **youth** [juθ] *n.* 年輕人
2. **blow** [bləʊ] *v.* 吹奏 (樂器)
(blow-blew [blu]-blown [blon])
3. **trumpet** [trʌmpɪt] *n.* 喇叭；小號
4. **embarrass** [ɪm`bærəs] *v.* 使尷尬、難堪
5. **slim** [slɪm] *adj.* 苗條的；纖細的
6. **praise** [preɪz] *v.* 稱讚
7. **nice-looking** [naɪs`lʊkɪŋ] *adj.* 好看的
8. **frank** [fræŋk] *adj.* 坦白的；真誠的
9. **talkative** [tɔkətɪv] *adj.* 多話的；健談的
10. **nest** [nɛst] *n.* 巢；窩；穴
11. **touch** [tʌtʃ] *n.* 觸；碰
12. **among** [ə`mʌŋ] *prep.* 在……之中

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參考單字

- * **throne** [θron] *n.* 王位；寶座
- * **crown** [kraʊn] *n.* 王冠

(Sb) is at play.

(某人) 在玩耍。

不可數名詞 play「玩耍」前不加任何冠詞。

- **The kids are at play in their room.**
孩子們在房間玩。



put... in order

把……整理好

order [ɔ:rdə] 在此是名詞「整齊；有條理」之意。

- **Ed promised to put the backyard in order.**
艾德答應要把後院整理好。



get down to work

開始努力工作

get down to 表示「開始認真注意、對待」。

- **Break's over, so let's get down to work.**

休息時間結束，所以我們開始努力工作吧。

測驗

依照本課故事，選擇正確答案。

1 How did the youths treat the man in travel clothes?

- (A) They weren't honest with him.
- (B) They did many things to scare him off.
- (C) They were too tired to give him their attention.
- (D) They were very friendly to him.

2 Why did the man touch the youths' heads?

- (A) He appreciated how kind they treated him.
- (B) He wanted to warm his hands.
- (C) He desired to feel their hair.
- (D) He needed help getting up from the throne.

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