MKⅡ, a planet billons of kilometers away, is the origin of life in many religions. Physicists have proved the theory that its gentle climate and the pull of its gravity are similar to the earth’s. And astronomers have found that oxygen atoms and carbon dioxide, which are fundamental to life, exit in its atmosphere through satellites. Cheered up by this news, biologists, in their turn, began to do some research to remove people’s puzzles—Now that there are some suitable conditions, does life really exist on this globe? Do they multiply by laying eggs or giving birth to babies?

Last month, a spaceship was sent there. It’s a pity that this mission failed. Unlike the earth, MKⅡ is a much younger planet. Thus, masses of harmful acid clouds float everywhere causing violent chain reactions to break out. These clouds not only blocked out the pilots’ sight but also damaged the engine system. Luckily, the pilots watched out carefully and prevented the spaceship from crashing in time.

astronomer：天文学家

solar ：太阳的

Big Band：宇宙大爆炸

global：全球性的

nitrogen：氮

vapour：n 蒸汽

presence：n 出席；到场；存在

dissolve：vt&vi 溶解

reaction：n 反应；回应

shellfish：水生有壳动物

amphibian：两栖动物

reptile：爬行动物

mammal：哺乳动物

biology：生物学

geologist：地质学家

extinct：灭绝的

comet：彗星

lessen：vi&vt 减少

weightlessly：失重地

cabin：小屋；船舱

exhaust：vt 用尽

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