

历史上最孤单的人 The loneliest man in history

Hello and welcome to 6 Minute English from BBC Learning English. I'm Neil.

大家好，欢迎来到 BBC 学习英语栏目的六分钟英语。我是内尔。

And I'm Georgina.

我是乔治娜。

In this program, we're going to be talking about the astronaut who piloted the command module to take Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to walk on the Moon.

在本期节目中，我们要谈论驾驶把内尔·阿姆斯特朗和巴兹·奥尔德林送到月球的指挥舱的宇航员。

Michael Collins, who sadly passed away in 2021 at the age of 90, has been described as 'the loneliest man in history'.

2021 年悲伤逝世的 90 岁的迈克尔·柯林斯被描述为“历史上最孤单的男人。”

Yes, while Armstrong delivered his famous quote when taking the first steps on the lunar surface, and Buzz followed soon after, Collins was left behind to circle the Moon, tasked with the huge responsibility of getting the three pioneers - the first people to do something - back to Earth.

是的，当阿姆斯特朗在第一个踏上月球，巴兹紧随其后时说出那句名言的时候，柯林斯被留在了后面环绕月球，承担着让三个先驱 —— 第一个做某事的人 —— 回到地球的责任。

That's right.

没错。

And many people over the years have wondered whether he was disappointed not to have walked on the Moon.

而多年来很多人想知道他有没有因为没能踏上月球而遗憾。

How would you feel if you went all that way and didn't stand on the Moon, Georgina?

如果你到了那里却没有站上月球，你会作何感想，乔治娜？

Me personally - I'd probably be pretty devastated - but I think it depends on personality.

就我个人而言，我可能会觉得很难受，但是我想这取决于性格。

To be honest, I'd probably be too scared to go to the Moon anyway.

老实说，我可能会很害怕不敢上月球。

Yes, and just think about being in a space module together - trapped for all those hours - it could create quite the sense of camaraderie - a friendship and trust formed by spending time together.

是的，只是想想一起呆在一个太空舱里 —— 困在里面那么多个小时 —— 这可能会产生出那种同事情谊 —— 因为在一起相处而产生的友情和信任。

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Which is what I'm going to do now, Georgina.

这就是我现在要做的，乔治娜。

I know how much you love animals, and the first animal that went into space was a Russian dog in 1957, but what was that dog's name?

我知道你有多爱动物，那么第一个到太空的动物是一只俄罗斯的小狗，是在 1957 年，但是那只狗的名字是什么？

a) Irina, b) Laika, or c) Anastasia?

A. 艾琳娜，B. 莱卡，还是 C. 安娜斯塔西娅？

Well, I think I know this one, b) Laika, and I believe, sadly, she didn't survive.

嗯，我想我知道这一题的答案，B. 莱卡，而且我认为她没能活下来，这很悲伤。

OK, Georgina, we'll find out if that's right at the end of the program.

好的，乔治娜，我们会在节目结束的时候揭晓是否正确。

But let's talk more about Michael Collins and that famous trip to the Moon that captured people's attention around the world.

但是我们再来谈谈迈克尔·柯林斯和那个吸引了全球目光的著名的登月之旅吧。

Yes, I think one thing that has always interested me is the feeling of friendship, or as you said camaraderie, that must have developed between those three explorers.

好的，我认为有一件事情始终让我感兴趣，那就是友谊的感觉，或者像你说的同事情谊，这三个探索者之间肯定有这种情感。

But, perhaps surprisingly, in an interview with the BBC program Hard Talk, Collins said the close connection between the astronauts didn't develop until later.

但是，也许这很让人惊讶，在接受 BBC 的节目《Hard Talk》时，柯林斯说宇航员之间的亲密关系是在之后才建立起来的。

We formed some very strong bonds, but actually, not really during the flight of Apollo 11 or even during the preparatory flight of the flight.

其实我们并不是在阿波罗 11 号飞行期间也不是在准备飞行期间建立起牢固的纽带的。

It was a round-the-world trip that we took after the flight.

是在飞行任务之后的环球旅行期间建立的。

When I came to know Neil better.

那时候我开始更加了解内尔。

During our training, in the first place we had not been a backup crew as most primary crews had been, so we just got to know each other in the 6 months before the flight, which is a short period of time.

在我们训练期间，最开始我们没有像大多数主要成员那样成为后备力量，所以我们是在飞行前 6 个月才开始了解彼此的，这个时间很短。

So, it wasn't really until afterwards that they formed those strong bonds - the connections between them, until on a trip around the world to talk about their experiences.

所以他们是在之后才建立起那种牢固的纽带的 —— 他们之间的联系，直到在全世界进行巡演讲述他们的经历。

Six months sounds like a long time, but I suppose when preparing to become famous and go down in history, as they did - it doesn't leave much time for personal interactions.

六个月听起来是一段很长的时间，但是我想在准备名留青史的时候，他们并没有很多时间来进行人际交流。

One of the sad things to take away is that everyone remembers Armstrong and Aldrin, but sometimes Collins is seen as the forgotten man.

还有一件悲伤的事情是，每个人都记得阿姆斯特朗和阿尔德林，但是有时候柯林斯会被当成那个被遗忘的人。

Yes, and he did say in the interview that he would have loved to walk on the Moon, but he was very proud to be a part of the team - as he was one of the trailblazers - a similar word to pioneer.

是的，而且他在访问里面说他本来也想去月球上行走的，但是他很骄傲能够成为团队的一部分 —— 因为他是拓荒者之一 —— 这个词类似于先驱。

They most certainly were trailblazers.

他们当然是拓荒者了。

But imagine how he must have felt - circling around Moon, all alone!

但是想想他的感受 —— 一个人环绕月球！

Yes, a lot of people questioned Collins afterwards regarding the solitude, about which he had this to say in the same interview with BBC program Hard Talk.

是的，很多人之后问柯林斯孤独的感受，他在 BBC 节目《Hard Talk》也说到了这个。

Well, I... when I returned to Earth, I was amazed because most of the questions to me from the press centered on: You were the loneliest man in the whole lonely orbit around the lonely planet on a lonely evening.

嗯，我.....当我返回地球的时候，我很惊讶，因为媒体问我的大部分问题都集中于：你是世界上最孤单的人，独自一人在一个孤单的夜晚环绕着那个孤单的行星。

And I felt, on the other hand, quite comfortable in my happy little home inside the command module Columbia.

然而我觉得一个待在哥伦比亚指挥舱中很舒服。

I had been flying airplanes by myself for a number of years.

我自己开飞机已经好多年了。

So, the fact I was aloft by myself was not anything new.

所以我独自在高空并不是什么新鲜事。

So, it sounds like he appreciated the peace and quiet and he felt used to it having been alone on flights.

所以听起来他似乎很喜欢那种平静和安静，而且他很习惯一个人飞行。

Yes, while people talk about the two who walked on the Moon, he must have experienced an incredible sense of peace while on the dark side of the Moon - the first person ever to go there.

是的，当人们谈论那两个踏上月球的人的时候，他在月球的背面肯定也有不同寻常的平静感 — 有史以来第一个到那里的人。

But now, Georgina, let's get the answer to my question: What was the name of the first animal, a dog, to go into space?

但是现在，乔治娜，我们来揭晓我问题的答案：登上太空的第一只狗的名字是什么？

I said Laika.

我说的是莱卡。

Which is correct, well done!

回答正确，干得漂亮！

And you were right when you said that she sadly didn't survive the return to Earth.

你说它悲伤地没能或者回到地球也是对的。

Well, speaking of dogs, I need to feed mine soon, so let's just recap some of the vocabulary we've discussed.

嗯，说到狗，我马上要去喂我的狗了，所以我们来回顾今天讨论过的一些词汇吧。

Yes, we had camaraderie - a sense of trust and friendship after spending a long time together, and the creation of strong bonds or connections.

好的，我们说了同事情谊 — 在一起相处了很长时间之后额一种信任感和友情，产生了强烈的纽带或联系。

And if you're the first person to do something, you could be called a pioneer.

如果你是第一个做某事的人，你可以被叫做先驱。

Or even a trailblazer which means the same thing.

或者甚至可以叫拓荒者，意思是一样的。

And if you are the first person to do something, you could become famous and go down in history.

如果你是第一个做某事的人，那么你可能会名留青史。

And finally, we spoke about the solitude, or state of being alone, that Collins must have experienced.

最后我们谈论了孤独，或者说孤单的状态，柯林斯肯定体验过。

Well, we're out of time for today.

好的，我们今天的时间就到这里。

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