

Aesop's Fables

33. THE FIR- TREE AND THE BRAMBLE 冷杉与荆棘







A Fir- tree was boasting to a Bramble, and said, somewhat contemptuously, "You poor creature, you are of no use whatever.

一棵冷杉树用轻蔑的口吻对着荆棘夸口道:"你这可怜的东西,一点用处也没有。







Now, look at me: I am useful for all sorts of things, particularly when men build houses; they can't do without me then."

你看看我,我可是对万物都有益处,尤其是当人类要盖房子的时候,没有我根本就不行。"







But the Bramble replied, "Ah, that's all very well: but you wait till they come with axes and saws to cut you down, and then you'll wish you were a Bramble and not a Fir."

但是荆棘回答:"是啊!那的确很好。不过,等到他们拿着斧头和锯来把你砍倒时,你就会希望自己是荆棘,而不是冷杉树了。"







Better poverty without a care than wealth with its many obligations.

宁可贫穷而无人问津,也不要富贵而责任缠身。







Sweet dreams! Good Night!



