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Fortunately the little prince is not alone. The narrator’s picture was misunderstood over and over again through grown-ups’eyes when he was a child. To be honest, I also will regard this presentative picture as a hat instead of a boa constrictors digesting an elephant. But the little prince is conscious of this and interpret the picture correctly.

Why the little prince understand the presentative picture while he can not get on well with grown-ups? And at the end of the story, the little prince unexpectedly ues the way being bitten by a poisonous snake to left the earth and return to his asteroid B-612. Obviously the little prince is smart, but his intelligence can not help him bridge the gap between grown-up’s utilitarianism and children’s innocence and purity.

In the story, the king stands for authority, the man represents arrogance and the tippler for paralysis, the businessman for money, the lamplighter for rigidness and forbearance. On the contrary, the little prince’s world is filled with innocence and he keeps his childlike innocence tightly. So in the world of the grown-ups, they can not understand the little prince’s ‘unrestrained’ thoughts.

And we did lose a lot. Dyring the journey of growth, we become accustomed to the world,we accept everything we receive and we gradually lose the ability to question the world. For now, we have been in involution, we mix the work time and leisure time, also, have less and less time and energy which can be used to explore the world.

In a word, children and grown-ups feel differently. We are used to seeing things by a logical and empiric way, but for children like the little prince, they always sense the world form bottom of their heart. we are supposed to keep the childlike innocence and honesty, fulfill ourselves, keep our curiousity about the world.

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