A Scandal in Bohemia - Chapter 17 知识点总结

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**• 2月24日知识点总结 •**

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**• 昨日课后问题 •**

1. …  the face of a man who is dazed with astonishment.  用一个表情包描述一下Peterson的表情。

**be dazed with … 表示因为…而茫然失措**

这里因为吃惊(astonishment)而茫然失措，建议使用:

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2. They are **sticky**, and there is a distinct smell of hair-oil. This dust, you will observe, is not the **gritty**, gray dust of the street but the **fluffy.**

1) 分别查一下sticky, gritty, fluffy 去掉-y结尾之后意思

notice:

- stick有多个意思，注意查找与sticky相关的意思即可

- gritty 去掉y之后，变成grit

2) 试着举出至少三个noun / verb + y  adjective 的例子

i.e.

rain + y  rainy

cloud + y  cloudy

**• 今日讲义 •**

1. 报纸上对这次事件有详细的报道，我们以报道中提到的几个人名为线索来总结下：

**John Horner**：被指认为偷窃blue carbuncle的人，已被抓捕，但没找到赃物。**被抓捕时激烈反抗（ struggled frantically ）**，**一直强烈声称自己是清白的（ protested his innocence in the strongest terms ）**，**在法庭上甚至因为情绪激动（ signs of intense emotion ）而晕倒了**。

**James Ryder**：witness之一。酒店的高级侍者，作供说当时他带着Horner去伯爵夫人的服装间修理壁炉架的第二根护栏，中途被叫出去了一下，回来的时候Horner就消失了，伯爵夫人装宝石的小皮盒也空空如也。

Catherine Cusack ：witness之一。伯爵夫人的女佣，作供说听到Ryder的喊声，**然后冲进房间看到了和Ryder描述的一样的状况（ found matters as described by the last witness ）。**

**Inspector Bradstreet**：抓捕Horner的警官，在工程师案里面我们就见过他了。

2. After evidence of a previous conviction for robbery had been given against the prisoner, the judge referred the case to the Assizes.

由于Horner之前也有因盗窃被定罪的前科，法官决定把该案件提交给巡回法庭。「 the prisoner 」指的就是Horner；「  the Assizes」，巡回法庭，是过去在英国和威尔士存在的一种法庭体系，直到1972年才废除，这种法庭主要处理最严重的案件，民事和刑事都会涉及。

3. The question for us now to solve is the sequence of events leading from a robbed jewel-case at one end to the crop of a goose in Tottenham Court Road at the other.

**Sherlock目前就是要梳理清楚事件的顺序（ the sequence of events ），到底这颗宝石是怎么从Hotel Cosmopolitan的珠宝盒跑到Tottenham Court Road的胖鹅身上的。**由于Hotel Cosmopolitan是个完全杜撰的名字，在伦敦没有这样一座酒店，所以我们无法给出路线图，不过Tottenham Court Road是真实存在的。

4. He was clearly so scared by his unfortunately breaking the window and by the approach of Peterson that he thought of nothing but escape, but since then he must have bitterly regretted the impulse which caused him to drop his bird.

Sherlock决定在报纸上发广告，希望借此找到 Henry Baker这个人。他分析HB多半会来认领，因为他当时明显因为打破玻璃被吓懵了，**而Peterson的突然出现也让他脑子里只想到逃跑这件事（ thought of nothing but escape ）**，不过他回去以后肯定很后悔自己冲动丢下了那只肥鹅。

5. This stone is not yet twenty years old. It was found on the banks of the Amoy River in southern China and is remarkable in having every characteristic of the carbuncle, except that it is blue in colour instead of ruby red.

Sherlock讲起了这颗宝石的来历，从被发现距今还不到20年，发现的地点是在中国南方的Amoy River河岸。这颗宝石具备了carbuncle的所有特点，除了颜色是蓝色的，而不是常见的红色。

居然提到了中国，于是我细细查了Amoy River，发现我们天朝根本没有这条河，是作者杜撰的，但比较有意思的是Amoy这个地方是确实存在的，大家知道是哪儿吗？——是厦门，因为当地人叫厦门就叫「 Amoy 」这个音。群里有厦门的同学可以来confirm一下么?

6. In spite of its youth, it has already a sinister history. There have been two murders, an acid-throwing, a suicide, and several robberies committed for the sake of this forty-grain weight of crystallized charcoal.

尽管这颗宝石被发现的时间不长，但它已经带来很多不好的事情了。**为了争夺这个40grain重的结晶木炭（ crystallized charcoal ），已经发生了两起谋杀，一起泼硫酸事件，一桩自杀案以及好几桩劫案。「 grain 」是最小的一个重量单位, 大约等于0.0648克。**

另外一个有趣的点是，Sherlock因不为钱财珠宝所惑，所以把这颗无价之宝称为crystallized charcoal。但不管是红宝石（ ruby ）、蓝宝石（ sapphire ）、石榴石（ garnet ），其成分里都不含charcoal；钻石（ diamond ）里倒是有crystallized charcoal，但钻石本身却又不是carbuncle。所以这里出现了一个悖论……恐怕是作者自己也没想清楚的……

**• 课后思考题 •**

1. “Hum! **So much for** the police-court,” said Holmes thoughtfully…

福尔摩斯在读完新闻之后，说了上面这句话，这里的so much for the police-court怎么理解?

2. The question for us now to solve is the sequence of events leading from a robbed jewel-case at one end to the crop of a goose in Tottenham Court Road at the other. 用 “/”给句子断句

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