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今天继续回忆的故事~

**• 讲义总结 •**

1. **Considering** how he should explain the matter to his daughter, when a soft hand was laid upon his, and looking up, he saw her standing beside him. One glance at her pale, frightened face showed him that she had heard what had happened.
   * 这里的**「considering」**用在句首意为“一想到”。而he saw her standing beside him这句中，**her＋doing**的动名词搭配再次出现，表“她的……行为”之意。大家还记得么？
   * Lucy和Ferrier的惶恐都写在了字里行间，这一对苦命的父女啊，谁能拯救他们于苦难？
2. In the meantime, we have a clear month before us,” said the father, “and at the end of that, I guess we had better leave Utah.”

“Leave Utah!”

“**That’s about the size of it**.”

“But the farm?”

“We will raise as much as we can in money, and let the rest go.”

* + 本句的难点在于**「That’s about the size of it」**.” 这句话在非正式语境中，表示“大概就是这样，就得这样”。一般是面对不好的情况时，带着无奈的语气吐露。
  + Ferrier父女决定逃出盐湖城，离开摩门教的控制范围。变卖家产，土地，田庄……为了自由而逃离这一切。Ferrier是心疼女儿的慈父，也是忠诚于自由的勇敢者。

1. Mr. Ferrier was **not nearly as confident as** he tried to sound.
   * **「not nearly as confident as...」**远没有那么有信心。
   * **「not nearly」**表示 “ 远没有 ” ，是固定搭配。
   * Mr.Ferrier虽然心里没底，但为了安慰女儿，他装出很有信心的样子。要保护好自己唯一的亲人，这是稳重隐忍的老父之坚持。
2. Each night a new and smaller number was painted somewhere on his farm. Ferrier was powerless, and could **see no way of** avoiding the **blow** that was coming to himself and his daughter.
   * **「see no way of doing」**（发现无法……）**「blow」**在这里是“挫折”的意思。
   * 每天家里都会出现一个倒计时数字……这种恐怖的氛围让Ferrier手足无措。
3. Springing forward, he threw the door open. It was Jefferson Hope.
   * spring作为动词第N次出现，相信你已经记住了，是“跳跃”之意。其过去式为sprang，我们常见到**「spring to one’s feet」**.（突然直立，突然跳起）
   * 霍普终于出现了！他就是Ferrier口中的**「the man to be proud of」**（那个令人骄傲的人）。追寻自由的逃亡计划即将展开。
4. He walked for a couple of miles **without any luck**. At last, after two or three hours of searching, he **managed to** find and shoot a big-horn antelope.
   * **「without any luck」**可以指“没有幸运眷顾，不凭侥幸”。 从**「manage to do sth.」**（尽力达成……）也可以看出这是一次艰辛的逃亡。
   * 霍普艰难跋涉，最终觅得了食物。我们也看出这个硬汉的品格：坚毅，勇敢，机智，深情……
5. It was only too clear that some sudden and terrible disaster had occurred during his absence.
   * 很明显，在他离开的时候，一些可怕的状况突然发生了。**「It was only too clear that…」**（…再清楚不过了），**「during his absence」**，在他离开期间。
6. Then his eye fell upon an object which made his blood run cold. It was a **newly-dug** grave with a cross over it. The writing on the cross was brief, but to the point:

If there was nothing else left to him, he could at least devote his life to revenge.

* + Newly-dug（新挖的），这种**「newly-done」**的构词很常见，比如：newly-built, newly-found……
  + 惨剧发生！Lucy的父亲死去了，Lucy被带回盐湖城，被逼婚而死去……一切发生得如此迅速，霍普转眼间失去了挚爱和Ferrier叔叔。

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