The Sign of Four - Chapter 26 知识点总结

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**• 2月3日知识点总结 •**

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来来来，看Small怎么找到巨额财宝！

**• 上次讨论回顾 •**

1. As the guard was **a good two hundred yards** away … 试写出good的同样的用法【可来源于之前的内容】

Good这里表示“相当的…”再给大家复习一下之前出现过这个用法的例句

i.e.

- “**a good many of the criminal classes**begin to know me.”

- “We were **a good sixty feet** from the ground.”

2. It is nothing **against the fort**. 举例against同样的用法【可来源于文章的内容】

**Against 表示 “对…不利”**，在给大家复习一下之前出现过这个用法的例句

i.e

- “Is there anything against him?”

- “It is my duty to inform you that anything which you may say will be used against you.”

- “….to raise no hand and speak no word against us.” 【今日内容】

3. There was **the ring of truth** in what he said, and I knew that if I raised my voice I was a dead man.  ring of truth怎么理解？

The ring of truth 字面意思是“真相的铃声（钟声）”，想表达的就是“听上去很有道理，像是真的”。这个表达常见于19-20世纪早中期的书面作品当中，目的就是为了给读者强调真实性。同义词有: credibility / believability

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再给大家一个例句，可以仿照这个例句来学习它的使用语境

i.e. “His words have the ring of truth.”

4. “ ‘I will swear it,’ I answered, ‘provided that the fort is not **endangered.**

是举出由en-和形容词构成的动词。

Tips: en-可以在形容词之前和之后

**• 今日讲义 •**

1. Dost Akbar has promised this night to lead him to a side-gate of the fort, and has chosen this one for his purpose. The place is lonely, and none shall know of his coming. The merchant Achmet shall be no more, but the great treasure of the rajah shall be divided among us.

Khan对Small和盘托出了自己的计划，原来Dost Akbar和假扮成商人的Achmet是旅伴，他会带着Achmet到他们驻守的门来，在没人知道的情况下杀掉Achmet，平分宝藏。

2. Suddenly my eye caught the glint of a shaded lantern at the other side of the moat. It vanished and then appeared again, coming slowly in our direction.

“ ‘Here they are!’ I exclaimed.

Small突然看见在壕沟的那边有忽明忽暗的提灯的灯光，他知道是Achmet和Akbar来了。

3. **The more** I looked at his fat, frightened face, **the harder** did it seem that we should kill him**in cold blood.** It was best to get it over.

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the+比较级……，the +比较级……”这种结构大家比较熟悉吧？“越……，越……”。Small果然内心还是比较善良的，他越看Achmet胖乎乎且胆战心惊的脸，越觉得很难残酷地杀掉他。

**「 in cold blood 」指“冷血地、毫不仁慈的”。「 get it over 」在这里的意思是complete an unpleasant or tedious but necessary task promptly（迅速完成一项不太愉悦、有点乏味但又很必要的事）**，也就是Small想迅速解决掉这件事，免得内心纠结。

4. You see, gentlemen, that I am keeping my promise. I am telling you everything just exactly as it happened, **whether it is in my favor or not.**

就这样Small讲完了关于抢夺宝藏的故事，在他的帮助下，Achmet被锡克人捅了两刀杀死了。最后一句whether it is in my favor or not的意思是“不管是否对我有利”。

**• 课堂讨论 •**

1.  ‘You will **challenge him,** Sahib, as usual,’ whispered Abdullah.

这里的challenge是挑战的意思吗？

2. The merchant Achmet will be **no more**… no more这里怎么理解？

no more 这里表示 “exist no longer”  即 “不复存在”

扩展: 以下这两句话怎么理解

i.e.

- Mention his name **no more** to me.

- I have no complaints and **no more** did Tom.

3. Before he could stagger to his feet the Sikh **buried his knife**twice in his side. bury his knife这是什么动作？

i.e.

- “The leopard **buried its teeth into my leg**.”

- “She **buried her hands**in her pockets.”

4. Never was a man so surrounded with death. 还原这句话的语序。

- 否定副词若位于句首，句子后面的部分要用倒装

i.e.  “never, seldom, rarely, hardly, little, scarcely…”

试将下列句子变成倒装句

- I shall never forgive her.

- He seldom goes out for dinner.

- She hardly has time to see a film.

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