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**• 2月4日知识点总结 •**

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昨日忠诚的Small，今日突变凶残恶魔~

**• 昨日讨论回顾 •**

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

这里的challenge是挑战的意思吗？

Tips: 查一下challenge做动词的意思，再联系一下此时Jonathan Small的职责是守卫

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？

Tips: 查一下bury做动词的意思

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。

Tips:

- 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.

**• 今日讲义 •**

1. I had now conceived the utmost **horror**of the man, not only for this cold-blooded business in which he had been concerned, but even more for the casual and heartless way in which he told it. Whatever punishment was in store for him, he might expect no sympathy from me.

如图， **「 horror 」有两个义项，分别表现了“惊讶”和“恐怖性”。**结合上下文，此处应该取的是“他的恐怖性”。

这一段是Dr.Watson在听完Small的叙述以后，对他产生了极大的恐惧，因为他随意和不在乎地讲述了自己的暴行。他这样的人，不管被施以什么惩罚，都得不到Dr.Watson的同情~

2. It was my life or his once he was in the fort. If he had got out, the whole business would come to light, I should have been found guilty and shot **as likely as not**, for people were not very merciful at a time like that.

**「 as likely as not 」是指很有可能，**Small有一点在为自己辩解的意思，他说在那种情况下，不是商人死就是他亡，如果事情被暴露，他很有可能会被处死，因为那个时候的人们不太仁慈。

3. The earth floor had sunk in at one place, making a natural grave, so we left Achmet the merchant there, having first covered him over with loose bricks.

这里说到他们处理Achmet的尸体，泥土地有一块刚好是陷进去的（had sunk in），形成了一个天然的坟墓，于是他们就把Achmet放在里面，用一些砖头把他盖起来。

4. nearly three hundred very fine pearls, twelve of which were set in a gold crown. By the way, these last had been taken out of the chest and were not there when I recovered it.

Small说到宝箱里面的物品时，提到了一个金色的皇冠上面镶嵌着12颗珍珠。而在他找回这个宝箱之时，这些珍珠已经不见了。而这些应该就是TS寄给Mary的珍珠。

为何之前T.S说每年会从一枚镶有12颗珍珠的项链(necklace)上取下珍珠送给Mary，但当Small从Sholto家带走宝箱时，少的却是一枚镶有12颗珍珠的「 crown 」（皇冠）？

这里「crown」不是大家惯常理解的“有拱皇冠”（crown with arches）（见下图）

而是下面这样的，呈带状的无拱皇冠。在英文中被称为「coronet」（a small crown worn on formal occasions by princes, princesses, lords, etc.）。这样就不难理解，之前Sholto为什么会将它认作necklace（倒过来看确实很像项链）。

5. We made careful note of the place, and next day I drew four **plans,** one for each of us, and put the sign of the four of us at the bottom, for we had sworn that we should each always act for all.

在把宝箱藏好后，Small画了四张地图，写上了他们四人的名字，然后一人一张。**这里的「plan」不是计划，而是“平面图、地图”的意思。**而这张纸就是Mary在父亲的行李里发现的那张奇怪的地图了。

6. Thus **at the very moment**that we thought that all was safe we were all four seized and **brought to trial on a charge of murder**. All four of us were **imprisoned for life.**

**「 at the very moment that…」就在……时候；brought to trial on a charge of murder，因被指控谋杀而被审判。**

Small说就在他们以为自己已经安全的时候，他们四人都被控谋杀，被判了终身监禁。

**「imprison」里含有词根prison（监狱），加上im后变成动词，表示把……监禁、关押。**

**• 课堂讨论 •**

1. Whatever punishment was**in store** for him …  in store 怎么理解?

in store – 即将发生

i.e.

- It looks like there's trouble **in store.**

- what does the future hold **in store** for us?

2. If he had got out, the whole business would **come to light**… come to light怎么理解?

come to light – 为人所知

同义短语: bring something to light

i.e. Our investigation **brings to light** some important facts.

3. Thus at the **very** moment that we thought that all was safe … 试举出与此处very同样用法的句子【可来源于之前的内容，也可以自己造句】

i.e.

- On the **very night**after Jefferson Hope’s arrest… - A Study in Scarlet

- I am the **very man**for him. – A Study in Scarlet

- I thought how on that **very same day**he had complained bitterly of the boredom of life.  – The Sign of Four

4. It was enough to make a man eat his heart out to have to put up with all kinds of abuse, to have rice to eat and water to drink, with a fortune waiting for him outside.  用 “/”给句子断句

It was enough to 【be enough to do 固定搭配】/ make a man eat his heart out 【eat one’s heart out 是极度折磨、悲伤的一种情绪，像啃食心脏一样】 / to have to put up with  【这个短语是“忍受”的意思】/all kinds of abuse, / to have rice to eat and water to drink 【吃饭和喝水是人活下去最基本的两样活动，所以这里就是说坚持活下去】/, with a fortune / 【有着一笔财富等着他】waiting for him outside.

**更正一下:**

**have to put up with all kinds of abuse 从语法的角度来讲是it指代的真正主语，是让人崩溃的原因，而非目的【这里to-do的用法是做主语，而非表示目的】**

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