The Sign of Four - Chapter 28 知识点总结

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**• 2月5日知识点总结 •**

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**• 昨日讨论回顾 •**

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】

给大家温故知新复习一下之前的出现这种用法的地方：

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】**

**• 今日讲义 •**

1. There are very few white prisoners at this settlement, and，as I had behaved well from the first，I soon found myself a sort of **privileged person.**

Small 因为表现良好，而且还是白人，获得了特权（privilege）。

2. I noticed that the soldiers used always to lose and the civilians to win. These prison guards **had done little else than**play cards ever since they had been at the Andamans, while the others just played to pass the time. Night after night the soldiers got up poorer men.

司狱官们（prison guards）来到岛上以后，除了赌博什么都不干（因此牌技较精湛）。但可怜的军官(soldiers)，却沉迷赌博，日渐穷困。

**had done little else than…，除了…几乎什么也不做。**

由此可见，驻军的生活是多么枯燥，大家只好以玩牌消磨时光。

想起普希金的短篇小说《射击》，讲了一位深藏功与名的长者 “西尔沃”，时常邀请年轻军官来家里玩牌，最后他的传奇身世为人所知的故事。感兴趣的同学可以去看看

这一段是为之后 Sholto 加入Small 越狱计划作铺垫。因为 Small 观察到玩牌的时候，军官 Sholto 输得比较多，不仅欠债无数，还酗酒。

3. His uncle had died, leaving him a fortune, and he had left the army, yet **he could stoop to treat five men as he had treated us.**

因为继承了一大笔遗产，Sholto 离开了军队，一去不回。其余五人都不敢相信他居然卑鄙到做出这种事。

**he could stoop to treat five men as he had treated us 字面意义是“他竟可以卑鄙到像对待我们一样去对待五个人”，其实也就是说“他怎么可以这么卑鄙！”**

看重誓言的 Small 亲信了Sholto！他没想到，Sholto是这样贪婪的一个人，为了钱财置承诺于不顾。

**• 课堂讨论 •**

1. I learned to give out drugs for the surgeon, and **picked up a little of his knowledge**.  pick up这里是“捡起”吗？

2.  Major Sholto was the **hardest hit**.  hardest hit 这里怎么理解?

3. He used to pay in notes and gold at first, but soon he was writing big **I.O.Us.**大家根据读音猜一下，IOU这是哪个短语的缩写。

再猜一下这几个缩写对应的词或词组?

- B4

- BTW

- COS

- FYI

- KK

- TLK2UL8R

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