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前言

阿瑟·柯南·道尔(Arthur·Conan Doyle, 1859-1930),英国著名侦探小说家、剧作家,现代侦探小说的奠基人之一,被誉为"英国侦探小说之父"。

柯南·道尔于1859年5月22日出生于爱丁堡,1881年获爱丁堡大学医学博士学位。

博士毕业后,柯南·道尔以行医为职业。

1885年,柯南 · 道尔开始创作侦探小说《血字的研究》,并于1887年发表在《比顿圣诞年刊》上。 1890年,柯南 · 道尔出版了第二部小说《四签名》,并一举成名。

次年,他弃医从文,专事侦探小说的创作,陆续出版了以福尔摩斯为主人公的系列侦探小说:《波希米亚丑闻》、《红发会》、《身份案》、《恐怖谷》、《五个橘核》、《巴斯克维尔的猎犬》等。 1902年,他因有关布尔战争的著作被加封为爵士。

1930年7月7日,柯南·道尔逝世于英国。

柯南·道尔一生共创作了60多篇以福尔摩斯为主人公的侦探小说,他塑造的福尔摩斯形象其实就是正义的化身。

福尔摩斯已成为世界上家喻户晓的人物、侦探的象征,印在全世界不同种族、不同肤色的人心中。 福尔摩斯是一个栩栩如生、有血有肉的形象。

他活动在伦敦大雾迷漫的街道上、普普通通的公寓里,似乎随时都可能跟走在街上的读者擦肩而过, 因此使人感到十分亲切可信。

福尔摩斯善于运用医学、心理学、逻辑学,尤其是他的逻辑推理能力令人叹为观止。

他又十分注重调查研究,并且对案子极其热情,认真负责,这使他的侦探本领到了神鬼莫测的境地。 柯南·道尔通过福尔摩斯探案故事,宣扬善恶有报、法网难逃的思想。

小说中所涉及的医学、化学、生物学、犯罪学、法学知识以及探案和侦察方法,即便是对今天的侦探 工作也具有一定的借鉴作用。

柯南 · 道尔以福尔摩斯为主人公的系列侦探小说出版100多年来,一直畅销至今,被译成世界上几十种 语言,是全世界公认的侦探小说名著。

在中国,福尔摩斯系列侦探小说是最受广大读者欢迎的外国文学之一。

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内容概要

The Valley of Fear,中文译名为《恐怖谷》,这是一部充满传奇、冒险与智慧的侦探故事,它由英国著名侦探小说家、"英国侦探小说之父"阿瑟•柯南•道尔编著而成。

在充满雾气的伦敦贝克街上,住着一位富有正义感的侦探福尔摩斯。

他和他忠实的医生朋友华生一起经历了无数千奇百怪的案子,制造了许多经典的侦探故事。

《恐怖谷》便是其中的一部。

该书被公认为世界侦探小说的经典之作,至今已被译成多种文字,并曾经多次被改编成电影。

书中所展现主人公福尔摩斯的传奇故事伴随了一代又一代人的美丽童年、少年直至成年。

无论作为语言学习的课本,还是作为通俗的文学读本,本书对当代中国读者,特别是青少年读者将产生积极的影响。

为了使读者能够了解英文故事概况,进而提高阅读速度和阅读水平,在每章的开始部分增加了中文导读。

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十二点他们抵达伯尔斯通火车站时,怀特·梅森迎接了他们。

十分钟后,领他们住进了旅馆的房间,在旅馆的大厅向他们报告了案件的经过。

梅森警官在接手案子后,检查了钉锤。

没发现上面有痕迹,又发现枪的两个扳机是绑在一起的,这样两发子弹会同时发射,无疑是要打死这 人。

枪管被锯断,只留下PEN三个字母。

福尔摩斯告诉警官,三个字母中P字较大,那是美国宾西法尼亚洲小型武器公司制造的。

梅森对福尔摩斯的丰富知识感到很惊奇,说看来这事是美国人干的。

麦克唐纳表示,还没看到有陌生人进来的证据,这一切都是可以伪造的。

如果真有人进来,也是为谋杀来的。

他能用这么响的武器召来人,再冒着被暴露的危险去趟壕沟吗?

梅森表示,当时检查并没有发现有人从水中爬出来的痕迹。

福尔摩斯提议到庄园去看看,于是他们来到了有三个世纪历史的庄园。

梅森指着吊桥右边开着的窗户,告诉他那就是凶手爬过的地方。

福尔摩斯感到有点窄,他又了解到沟内的水只有两三英尺深。

他们被男仆艾姆斯迎进屋内, 医生已经回去了。

村警在屋内守着,梅森让他回去,然后说出了对此案的看法。

他首先排除了自杀的可能,本屋内人作案的可能性也很小。

如果是外人作案,那么可能是窃贼,也可能是与道格拉斯有私仇的美国人。

这人藏在窗帘后,当十一点多道格拉斯来到房间,因为她夫人说他离开几分钟就听到枪声了,道格拉斯先生拿起了钉锤,凶犯开枪杀了他,然后跳出窗子逃走了。

麦克唐纳还是对作案人不准备退路及用的武器表示质疑。

福尔摩斯蹲下检查尸体,看到道格拉斯前臂上的三角形图案及他下巴上贴的橡皮膏,仆人说那是他刮胡子不小心弄伤的。

福尔摩斯想到这可能是紧张所造成的。

又查看写着V.V.341的小纸片 , 认为是某个团体的东西。

可能是凶犯作案后故意将小纸片留在现场,等报纸报道时,其他人都会知道这人已经死了。

可凶手为什么要用这把枪?

结婚戒指为什么不见了呢?

案发后警察应该寻找穿着湿衣服的人,但到现在没找到,这人或许已换上千衣服,或是藏在了某个地方。

福尔摩斯又用放大镜检查了窗台的血迹;接着发现哑铃只有一个,对此感到很奇怪。

这时,贝克敲门进来,说是有几个人在离庄园门不到一百码的冬青树丛中找出一辆很旧的自行车,但 不知车主是谁。

他们看到几个人正看着一辆自行车,探长说如果车子有牌照,便能找到凶手是从哪里来的。

可凶手将车子弃掉后是怎么逃走的呢?

At three in the m.

ming the chief sussex detective , obeying the urgent call from Sergeant Wilson of Birlstone , arrived from headquarters in a light dog-cart behind a breathless trotter. By the five-forty train in the morning he had sent his message to Scotland Ylard. and he was at the Birlstone station at twelve o 'clock to welcome us. White Mason was a quiet , comfortable-looking person in a loose tweed suit , with a clean-shaved , ruddy face , a stoutish body, and powerful bandy legs adorned with gaiters , looking like a small farmer, a retried gamekeeper, or anything upon earth except a very favourable specimen of the provincial criminal officer. " A real downright snorter, Mr. MacDonald !

" he kept repeating. " We ' II have the pressmen down like flies when they understand it.I ' m hoping we will get



our work done before they get poking their noses into it and messing up all the trails. There has been nothing like this that I can remember. There are some bits that will come home to you, Mr. Holmes, or I am mistaken. And you also, Dr. Watson; for the medicos will have a word to say before we finish. Your room is at the Westville Arms. There 's no other place; but I hear that it is clean and good. The man will carry your bags. This way, gentlemen, if you please. "He was a very bustling and genial person, this Sussex detective. In ten minutes we had all found our quarters. In ten more we were seated in the parlour of the inn and being treated to a rapid sketch of those events which have been outlined in the previous chapter. MacDonald made an occasional note, while Holmes sat absorbed, with the expression of surprised and reverent admiration with which the botanist surveys the rare and precious bloom. "Remarkable!

" he said, when the story was unfolded, "most remarkable!

I can hardly recall any case where the features have been more peculiar.""I thought you would say so, Mr. Holmes," said White Mason in great delight. "We' re well up with the times in Sussex. I've told you now how matters were, up to the time when I took over from Sergeant Wilson between three and four this moming. My word!

I made the old mare go!

But I need not have been in such a hurry, as it turned out; for there was nothing immediate that I could do. Sergeant Wilson had all the facts. I checked them and considered them and maybe added a few of my own.""What were they?

"asked Holmes eagerly."Well, I first had the hammer examined. There was Dr. Wood there to help me. We found no signs of violence upon it. I was hoping that if Mr. Douglas defended himself with the hammer, he might have left his mark upon the murderer before he dropped it on the mat. But there was no stain.""That, of course, proves nothing at all," remarked Inspector MacDonald. "There has been many a hammer murder and no trace on the hammer.""Quite so. It doesn't prove it wasn't used. But there might have been stains, and that would have helped us. As a matter of fact there were none. Then I examined the gun. They were buckshot cartridges, and, as Sergeant Wilson pointed out, the triggers were wired together so that, if you pulled on the hinder one, both barrels were discharged. Whoever fixed that up had made up his mind that he was going to take no chances of missing his man. The sawed gun was not more than two foot long-one could carry it easily under one's coat. There was no complete maker's name; but the printed letters P-E-N were on the fluting between the barrels, and the rest of the name had been cut off by the saw."



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