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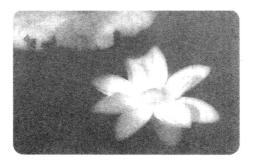
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### Immensee

## 茵梦湖

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### The Old Man



## 老人



One afternoon in the late autumn a well-dressed old man was walking slowly down the road. He appeared to be returning home from a walk, for his buckle-shoes, which followed a fashion long since out of date, were covered with dust.

Under his arm he carried a long, gold-headed cane; his dark eyes, in which the whole of his long-lost youth seemed to have centred, and which contrasted strangely with his snow-white hair, gazed calmly on the sights around him or peered into the town below as it lay before him, bathed in the haze of sunset.

He appeared to be almost a stranger, for of the passers-by only a few greeted him, although many a one involuntarily was compelled to gaze into those grave eyes.

At last he halted before a high, gabled house, cast one more glance out toward the town, and then passed into the hall. At the sound of the door-bell some one in the room within drew aside the green curtain from a small window that looked out on to the hall, and the face of an old woman was seen behind it. The man made a sign to her with his cane.

"No light yet!" he said in a slightly

cane

kein

n. 拐杖

contrast

[ˈkɔntræst]

v. 和…形成对照

haze

heiz

n. 薄雾

一个晚秋的下午,一位衣着讲究的老人慢慢地沿街走来。他脚上老式的带扣皮鞋上满是尘土,显然是刚刚散完步回家。

他的腋下夹着一支长长的金头手杖,黑黑的眼睛 里似乎仍然凝聚着他早已逝去的青春。这双黑黑的眼睛与他雪白的头发奇异地形成对照。这双眼睛静静地 打量周围,又吃力地向远处浸沉在夕阳余辉中的城市 看去。

大概他是个外乡人,过路人少有和他打招呼的, 不过很有些人会不由自主地被那双深沉的眼睛吸引。

最后他在一所高高的有斜屋顶的屋前止了步,又 朝城市的方向看了一眼,然后走进门廊。随着门铃的 响声,屋里的人把通向门廊的一扇小窗的绿色帘子 拉开,露出一张老妇人的脸。老人用手杖向她打了 个手势。

"还没点灯!"他略带一点南方口音咕噜地说,女

southern accent, and the housekeeper let the curtain fall again.

accent ['æksənt] n. 口音

The old man now passed through the broad hall, through a drawing-room, wherein against the walls stood huge oaken chests bearing porcelain vases; then through the door opposite he entered a small lobby, from which a narrow staircase led to the upper rooms at the back of the house. He climbed the stairs slowly, unlocked a door at the top, and stepped into a room of medium size.

retreat [ri'tri:t] n. 静居处

It was a comfortable, quiet retreat. One of the walls was lined with cupboards and bookcases; on the others hung pictures of men and places; on a table with a green cover lay a number of open books, and before the table stood a massive armchair with a red velvet cushion.

massive ['mæsiv] adj. 厚重的

After the old man had placed his hat and stick in a corner, he sat down in the armchair and, folding his hands, seemed to be taking his rest after his walk. While he sat thus, it was growing gradually darker; and before long a moonbeam came streaming through the window-panes and upon the pictures on the wall; and as the bright band of light passed slowly onward

管家把窗帘又放了下来。

老人穿过宽阔的门廊,走进内廊,内廊靠墙立着好几个巨大的橡木柜子,里面摆着瓷的瓶瓶罐罐,然后穿过对面的门,走进一个小小的穿堂,有一道窄窄的楼梯通向后屋的楼上。他慢慢爬上楼梯,打开顶层的一扇门,走进一间虽已不算小,但绝不能算大的房间。

这是一间舒适、宁静的居所。一面墙被柜子和书橱挤满,另一面墙上挂着人物与风景的画,一张绿面的桌子上放着几本打开的书,桌前放着一把厚重的铺着红色天鹅绒垫子的扶手椅。

老人把帽子和手杖放在屋角,在扶手椅上坐了下来,交叠双手,看来在散步之后得休息一会儿了。坐着坐着,天渐渐暗了下来,一线月光透过窗玻璃射了进来,照在墙上挂着的画像上。亮光缓缓地向前移

#### The Old Man

the old man followed it **involuntarily** with his eyes.

Now it reached a little picture in a simple black frame. "Elisabeth!" said the old man softly; and as he uttered the word, he was back in his youth.

involuntarily [in'vɔləntərili] adv. 不知不觉地,无 心地

utter
['ʌtə]
v. 发出,做声

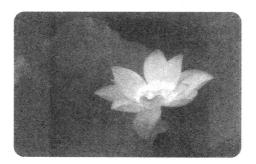


动,老人也不由自主地随着月光看过去。

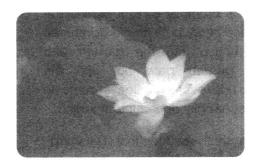
月光照到了一个用朴素的黑框镶着的小照片。 "伊丽莎白!"老人温柔地叫道,随着这一声呼唤,时间变了,他又恢复了青春。



### The Children



## 孩子们



Before very long the dainty form of a little maiden advanced toward him. Her name was Elisabeth, and she might have been five years old. He himself was twice that age. Round her neck she wore a red silk kerchief which was very becoming to her brown eyes.

dainty ['deinti] adj. 秀丽的,优美的

kerchief ['kə:tʃif] n. 方巾

"Reinhard!" she cried, "we have a holiday, a holiday! No school the whole day and none tomorrow either!"

Reinhard was carrying his slate under his arm, but he promptly flung it behind the front door, and then both the children ran through the house into the garden and through the garden gate out into the meadow. The unexpected holidays came to them at a most happily opportune moment.

promptly
['prɔmptli]
adv. 敏捷地,迅速地
meadow
['medəu]
n. 草地
opportune
['ɔpətju:n]

It was in the meadow that Reinhard, with Elisabeth's help, had built a house out of sods of grass. They meant to spend the summer evenings in it; but it still wanted a bench. He set to work at once; nails, hammer, and the necessary boards were already to hand.

adj. (指时间)凑巧的,恰好的

While he was thus engaged, Elisabeth went along the dyke, gathering the ring-shaped seeds of the wild mallow in her apron, with the object of making herself