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In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since.

"Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone," he told me, "just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had."

He didn't say any more but we've always been unusually communicative in a reserved way, and I understood that he meant a great deal more than that. In consequence I'm inclined to reserve all judgments, a habit that has opened up many curious natures to me and also made me the victim of not a few veteran bores. The abnormal mind is quick to detect and attach itself to this quality when it appears in a normal person, and so it came about that in college I was unjustly accused of being

在我还很小的时候,父亲曾经给 过我一些语重心长的教导,那些话语 我到今天都还铭记于心。

他说: "当你想批评别人时,只要记住,你所拥有的优势并非是世界上所有的人都拥有的。"

他没再继续说下去。但是,我和 父亲总是有一种特定的交流方意,而 且我知道他的话还有更深层的意思。 时间久了,我便更倾向于对一些人人 愿意和我做开心扉,同时我也成为 愿意和我敞开心扉,同时我也成为 愿意和我敞开心扉,不厌其烦地时,不厌其烦地时,不厌其烦地时,那些心理不正常的人便会很快察觉,那些心理不正如此,我在大学期帽子,因为我知道那些缺乏管教的无名小卒的秘密伤心往事。绝大多数都不是我 a politician, because I was privy to the secret griefs of wild, unknown men. Most of the confidences were unsought - frequently I have feigned sleep, preoccupation, or a hostile levity when I realized by some unmistakable sign that intimate revelation an quivering on the horizon - for the intimate revelations of young men or at least the terms in which they express them are usually plagiaristic obvious suppressions. marred bv Reserving judgments is a matter of infinite hope. I am still a little afraid of missing something if I forget that, as my father snobbishly suggested, and I snobbishly repeat a sense of the fundamental decencies is parcelled out unequally at birth.

And, after boasting this way of my tolerance, I come to the admission that it has a limit. Conduct may be founded on the hard rock or the wet marshes but after a certain point I don't care what it's founded on. When I came back from the East last autumn I felt that I wanted the world to be in uniform and at a sort of moral attention forever; I wanted no more riotous excursions with

在夸耀过我的宽容之后,我不得不承认我的宽容也是有限度的。一个人的举止也许是建立在坚固的岩石上面,或是建立在一片潮湿的沼泽中,然而,当过了某个特定的一点之后,我就不会在乎它究竟建立在什么上了。去年秋天,当我从东部回来时,我想要全世界的人都穿上军装,并且希望所有人在道德观念上都永远保持一种立正姿势的严肃状态。我不想再

privileged glimpses into the human heart. Only Gatsby, the man who gives his name to this book, was exempt from my reaction - Gatsby who represented everything for which I have unaffected scorn. If personality is an unbroken series of successful gestures, then there was something gorgeous about him, some heightened sensitivity to the promises of life, as if he were related to one of those intricate machines that register earthquakes ten thousand miles away. This responsiveness had nothing to do with that flabby impressionability which is dignified under the name of the "creative temperament" - it was an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as I have never found in any other person and which it is not likely I shall ever find again. No -Gatsby turned out all right at the end; it is what preyed on Gatsby, what foul dust floated in the wake of his dreams that temporarily closed out my interest abortive in the sorrows and short-winded elations of men.

My family have been prominent, well-to-do people in this

继续以一种猎奇的心理去窥视人们的 内心。只有盖茨比——将名字赋予这 本书的那个人——在我这种反应的范 围以外——盖茨比,这个人代表我所 鄙视、不屑的一切事物。如果一个人 的品格是一连串的成功姿态,那么在 他的身上可以感受到一种异样的华美 --种对生活的未来与希望具有极 高的敏感性,他就像是一台复杂的仪 器,可以记录发生在几万英里外的地 震。这种反应和那种被冠以"创造性 性格"的松弛的敏感性完全不同—— 它是一种与众不同的天赋,它充满了 希望,它也是一种意愿,充满了浪漫 色彩,是我从来没在别人身上发现过, 也不太可能会发现的意愿。不——盖 茨比本身从始至终还算是好的, 是那 些侵蚀着盖茨比的东西, 那些在他梦 醒后随之而来的灵魂的尘埃,使我暂 时不再对人们失败的悲伤和短暂的欢 愉感兴趣。

在这座位于中西部的城市里,我 家连续3代人都是城里的风云人物。 middle-western three city for generations. The Carraways are something of a clan and we have a tradition that we're descended from the Dukes of Buccleuch, but the actual of line founder my was grandfather's brother who came here in fifty-one, sent a substitute to the Civil War and started the wholesale hardware business that my father carries on today.

I never saw this great-uncle but I'm supposed to look like him – with special reference to the rather hard-boiled painting that hangs in Father's office. I graduated from New Haven in 1915, just a quarter of a century after my father, and a little later I participated in that delayed Teutonic migration known as the Great War. I enjoyed the counter-raid so thoroughly that I came back restless. Instead of being the warm center of the world the middle-west now seemed like the ragged edge of the universe - so I decided to go east and learn the bond business. Everybody I knew was in the bond business so I supposed it could support one more single man. All my

卡罗威家族算是个大家族,家族里流 传着这样一种说法,说我们是巴克勒 奇公爵的子孙,然而事实上,创建我 们这一支的是我祖父的哥哥。1851 年 他来到这个地方,花钱捐了个替身代 他参加南北战争,而他从那时起便开 始做五金批发的买卖,直到现在,我 父亲还在继续经营着这项生意。

我从来没有见过这位伯祖父,但 据说我和他长得很像, 尤其从那幅挂 在父亲办公室里的画像来看, 我们都 有一张冷酷的脸。1915年,我从纽黑 文大学毕业,恰好是我父亲毕业后的 第二十五年,没过多久,我参加了那 场迟来的条顿民族大迁徙, 历史上称 为世界大战。我享受着反攻的快感, 回到家后却变得焦躁不安。中西部不 再是世界温暖的中心, 现在看起来更 像是宇宙边缘的荒芜地带——于是我 决定离开这里, 到东部去学习投资债 券生意。我认识的每个人都做债券, 所以我想再多我一个单身汉也没什么 问题。我的叔叔阿姨们不断商量着这 件事,就像是在为我挑选学前班学校 一样认真, 最后他们郑重而犹豫地对 我说: "嗯……按你说的做吧。"父

aunts and uncles talked it over as if they were choosing a prep-school for me and finally said, "Why - ye-es" with very grave, hesitant faces. Father agreed to finance me for a year and after various delays I came east, permanently, I thought, in the spring of twenty-two.

The practical thing was to find rooms in the city but it was a warm season and I had just left a country of wide lawns and friendly trees, so when a young man at the office suggested that we take a house together in a commuting town it sounded like a great idea. He found the house, a weather beaten cardboard bungalow at eighty a month, but at the last minute the firm ordered him to Washington and I went out to the country alone. I had a dog, at least I had him for a few days until he ran away, and an old Dodge and a Finnish woman who made my bed and cooked breakfast and muttered Finnish wisdom to herself over the electric stove.

It was lonely for a day or so until one morning some man, more recently arrived than I, stopped me on the road.

"How do you get to West Egg

亲同意资助我一年,接着又耽搁了一阵子,我便踏上了向东的旅程,在那个 1922 年的春天,我本以为自己再也不会回来了。

开始的几天,我一个人总觉得很 孤单,直到有一天早上,一个比我来 得更晚的人挡住了我的去路。

"怎么去西艾格村?"他无助地

village?" he asked helplessly.

I told him. And as I walked on I was lonely no longer. I was a guide, a pathfinder, an original settler. He had casually conferred on me the freedom of the neighborhood.

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees – just as things grow in fast movies – I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

There was so much to read for one thing and so much fine health to be pulled down out of the young breath-giving air. I bought a dozen volumes on banking and credit and investment securities and they stood on my shelf in red and gold like new money from the mint, promising to unfold the shining secrets that only Midas and Morgan and Maecenas knew. And I had the high intention of reading many other books besides. I was rather literary in college - one year I wrote a series of very solemn and obvious editorials for the "Yale News" - and now I was going to bring back all such things into my life and become 问。

我告诉了他。而当我继续向前走的时候,我觉得自己不再孤单了。因为此时的我成了一名向导、开路人,一个原始移民。他在不经意间赋予了我在这个地方的自由。

在灿烂的阳光照射下,树木好像一下子变得枝繁叶茂,就像快进电影里一样,我的心中又树立起那个熟悉的信念,生活在这个夏天重新开始了。

有太多的书需要去读,同样,也 有太多的养分需要从周围的新鲜空气 中汲取。我买来十几本金融、债券和 投资证券方面的书、它们被摆在书架 上,鲜艳的红色封面和烫金的字体使 它们看起来好像刚刚印出来的纸币一 样,正做好准备要告诉我只有迈达斯、 摩根和米塞纳斯才知道的秘密。除了 这些书, 我还有更高的志向, 就是读 一些其他的书。在大学期间,我还是 比较文艺的——有一年我给《耶鲁新 闻》写了一系列严肃的社论——而现 在,我打算把这些东西重新作为我生 活的一部分,我自己也要重新成为一 个"全才",或者说是浅尝辄止的专 家。"如果只通过一扇窗户去看人生 的话,那么它将成功得多。"这句话

again that most limited of all specialists, the "well-rounded man." This isn't just an epigram – life is much more successfully looked at from a single window, after all.

It was a matter of chance that I should have rented a house in one of the strangest communities in North America. It was on that slender riotous island which extends itself due east of New York and where there are, among other natural curiosities, two unusual formations of land. Twenty miles from the city a pair of enormous eggs, identical in contour and separated only by a courtesy bay, jut out into the most domesticated body of salt water in the Western Hemisphere, the great wet barnyard of Long Island Sound. They are not perfect ovals - like the egg in the Columbus story they are both crushed flat at the contact end - but their physical resemblance must be a source of perpetual confusion to the gulls that fly overhead. To the wingless a more arresting phenomenon is their dissimilarity in every particular except shape and size.

I lived at West Egg, the - well, the

并不单单是一句警句而已。

偶然地,我到了全北美最古怪的 镇子,并在这儿租了一间房子。这个 镇子位于一个细长而繁茂的小岛上, 这个岛从纽约市向东延伸, 在这里, 不仅有很多自然奇观,还有两处地形 怪异的地方。距离镇子20英里外,有 两个巨大的半岛,它们的形状一模一 样,看起来像两个大鸡蛋。一条小湾 将它们隔开,这两座半岛一直延伸到 西半球最平静温和的咸水区域——位 于长岛海峡的巨大而潮湿的场院。半 岛的形状并不是很规则的椭圆形—— 更像是哥伦布故事里的鸡蛋, 其中一 头因为碰撞而被压平了——但是,它 们的样子足以以假乱真,误导海鸥们 一次次地飞向这里。对于没有翅膀的 人类来说,这两座半岛更加引人好奇 的就是它们除了形状和大小相似之 外, 就再没有任何相似之处。

我住在西艾格, 两座半岛中相对

less fashionable of the two, though this is a most superficial tag to express the bizarre and not a little sinister contrast between them. My house was at the very tip of the egg, only fifty yards from the Sound, and squeezed between two huge places that rented for twelve or fifteen thousand a season. The one on my right was a colossal affair by any standard - it was a factual imitation of some Hôtel Ville in Normandy, with a tower on one side, spanking new under a thin beard of raw ivy, and a marble swimming pool and more than forty acres of lawn and garden. It was Gatsby's mansion. Or rather, as I didn't know Mr. Gatsby it was a mansion inhabited by a gentleman of that name. My own house was an eye-sore, but it was a small eye-sore, and it had been overlooked, so I had a view of the water, a partial view of my neighbor's lawn, and the consoling proximity of millionaires - all for eighty dollars a month.

Across the courtesy bay the white palaces of fashionable East Egg glittered along the water, and the history of the summer really begins on

落后老土的一个,然而这是一个极其 肤浅的标签,很难体现两座岛之间奇 怪而带有凶兆的差异。我的房子位于 鸡蛋的顶端, 距海峡只有 50 码的距 离,两座一季度就要缴纳 12000 到 15000 租金的大别墅将我的房子夹在 中间。我右边的那幢别墅不论用什么 标准来衡量都可以算是一个庞然大物 ——它就像是位于诺曼底的某个市政 厅一样,房子的一边矗立着一座崭新 的塔楼, 塔楼顶端盖着薄薄的一层常 春藤,院子里有一座用大理石砌成的 游泳池,还有占地四十多英亩的大草 坪和花园。这座别墅是盖茨比公馆。 或者说,这里住着一位姓盖茨比的有 钱人,因为我和这位先生还不认识。 我自己的房子简陋不堪,所幸房子很 小,已经被周围人忽略,也正因此, 我才可以欣赏清澈的泳池, 欣赏邻居 家的一部分草坪,而且我还和百万富 翁挨得如此之近——所有这些待遇每 个月只需要花80美元。

穿过小湾是上流社会的东艾格半岛,白色的宫殿在水光的映衬下熠熠生辉,而那年夏天发生的一切都要从我开车去那边和汤姆·布坎农一家吃

the evening I drove over there to have dinner with the Tom Buchanans. Daisy was my second cousin once removed and I'd known Tom in college. And just after the war I spent two days with them in Chicago.

Her husband, among various physical accomplishments, had been one of the most powerful ends that ever played football at New Haven - a national figure in a way, one of those men who reach such an acute limited excellence at twenty-one that everything afterward αf savors anti-climax. His family were enormously wealthy - even in college his freedom with money was a matter for reproach - but now he'd left Chicago and come east in a fashion that rather took your breath away: for instance he'd brought down a string of polo ponies from Lake Forest. It was hard to realize that a man in my own generation was wealthy enough to do that.

Why they came east I don't know. They had spent a year in France, for no particular reason, and then drifted here and there unrestfully wherever people 饭的那个晚上说起。黛西是我一个远房表妹,在我的妹妹中排行第二。我和汤姆在大学期间便认识了。一战结束后不久,我曾在他芝加哥的家里住过几天。

我不清楚他们为什么搬到东部来。他们在法国住了一年,并不是为了什么原因,之后他们不停地到处游荡,但是无论到哪儿,周围的人都会

played polo and were rich together. This was a permanent move, said Daisy over the telephone, but I didn't believe it – I had no sight into Daisy's heart but I felt that Tom would drift on forever seeking a little wistfully for the dramatic turbulence of some irrecoverable football game.

And so it happened that on a warm windy evening I drove over to East Egg to see two old friends whom I scarcely knew at all. Their house was even more elaborate than I expected, a cheerful red and white Georgian Colonial mansion overlooking the bay. The lawn started at the beach and ran toward the front door for a quarter of a mile, jumping over sun-dials and brick walks and burning gardens - finally when it reached the house drifting up the side in bright vines as though from the momentum of its run. The front was broken by a line of French windows, glowing now with reflected gold, and wide open to the warm windy afternoon, and Tom Buchanan in riding clothes was standing with his legs apart on the front porch.

He had changed since his New

打马球,而且都非常有钱。尽管黛西在电话里告诉我这是他们最后一次搬家了,不过我完全不信——我猜不到黛西心里想的什么,但我总觉得汤姆永远不会安定下来,会略带伤感地为了追寻某场狂热而富有戏剧性的橄榄球比赛而继续漂泊。

于是,在一个微风习习的晚上, 我开车去东艾格看望这两个我几乎不 怎么了解的老朋友。他们的房子远超 出我的想象,一座红白二色的乔治王 殖民时期建筑风格的公馆在海湾的映 衬下光彩夺目。面积有 1/4 英里的草 坪从海滩一直铺到了正门, 一路跨过 了日晷、砖石小路和红艳似火的花园 ——最后,当草坪到达房子前面时, 它好像是顺着奔跑的势头变成了碧绿 的常春藤,继续沿着墙壁往上爬。公 馆的正面是一排法式落地窗。此时窗 子大敞着,在这个温暖而伴着微风的 下午,夕阳照射在玻璃上,映出一片 金色的光芒。而汤姆•布坎农穿着骑 马装,正叉着两条腿站在正门的阳台 _L。

纽黑文时期之后,他的样子变得

Haven years. Now he was a sturdy, straw haired man of thirty with a rather hard mouth and a supercilious manner. Two shining. arrogant eyes had established dominance over his face and gave him the appearance of always leaning aggressively forward. Not even the effeminate swank of his riding clothes could hide the enormous power of that body – he seemed to fill those glistening boots until he strained the - top lacing and you could see a great pack of muscle shifting when his shoulder moved under his thin coat. It was a body capable of enormous leverage – a cruel body.

His speaking voice, a gruff husky tenor, added to the impression of fractiousness he conveyed. There was a touch of paternal contempt in it, even toward people he liked – and there were men at New Haven who had hated his guts.

"Now, don't think my opinion on these matters is final," he seemed to say, "just because I'm stronger and more of a man than you are." We were in the same Senior Society, and while we were never intimate I always had

和以前不太一样。面前的这个男人三十多岁,体格强健,有着一头稻草色头发,待人傲慢,看起来很不好惹。一双炯炯有神的眼睛显示出主人的骄傲与自负,给人一种充满欲望,野心勃勃的感觉。连他身上那件比女式骑马装还优雅的衣服都难以掩盖那双练得程亮的皮靴被他填得满满的,将系在上面的蕾丝带勒到了极限。当他活动肩膀时,你几乎可以透过薄薄的外套看到一大块肌肉正在转动。这具身体注入了无尽的力量,同时也充满了残忍和冷酷。

他说话的声音又粗又高,更加深 了他易怒、残暴的形象。在他说话的 声调里还夹带着一种训斥、不屑的语 气,即使和他喜欢的人说话时也是这 样,所以在纽黑文时就有很多人对他 恨之入骨。

"现在,不要认为在这些问题上 我的观点就是最后的决策。"他话里 的意思仿佛是说,"仅仅因为我比你 强壮,比你更有男子气概。"大学时, 我们两个人同在一个高年级社团,然 而我们的关系一向不是非常亲密,我 the impression that he approved of me and wanted me to like him with some harsh, defiant wistfulness of his own.

We talked for a few minutes on the sunny porch.

"I've got a nice place here," he said, his eyes flashing about restlessly.

Turning me around by one arm he moved a broad flat hand along the front vista, including in its sweep a sunken Italian garden, a half acre of deep pungent roses and a snub-nosed motor boat that bumped the tide off shore.

"It belonged to Demaine the oil man." He turned me around again, politely and abruptly. "We'll go inside."

We walked through a high hallway into a bright rose-colored space, fragilely bound into the house by French windows at either end. The windows were ajar and gleaming white against the fresh grass outside that seemed to grow a little way into the house. A breeze blew through the room, blew curtains in at one end and out the other like pale flags, twisting them up toward the frosted wedding cake of the ceiling — and then rippled over the wine-colored rug, making a shadow on

总有一种感觉,觉得他认可我,并且 用他特有的方式——粗鲁、不屑的态 度,希望我能喜欢他。

我们在洒满阳光的阳台上聊了一 会儿。

"我住的这个地方可真不错。" 他边说,眼睛边不停地来回转着。

他一只手抓着我的胳膊把我转了 过来,另一只宽大的手指向眼前的风 景,他挥了下手,扫过一座意式凹形 花园,半英亩地娇艳芬芳的玫瑰花海, 和一艘停靠在海岸边随波起伏的塌鼻 汽艇。

"这里原本属于德梅因,那个做石油生意的。"他又一次把我转了过来,礼貌但略带命令口吻地说,"我们去里面吧。"

穿过一条高高的走廊,我们来到一间明亮的玫瑰色房间。房间两边的法式落地窗将这里和别墅连接起来。窗户半敞着,屋外碧绿的草地在玻璃的映衬下闪闪发光,仿佛要一直长到屋子里似的。阵阵微风吹进屋里,窗帘像一面面白色的旗帜从一边被吹向另一边,旋转着飘向天花板上结婚蛋糕似的层层装饰;之后涌向酒红色的小地毯,如轻风拂过海面一样在地毯上留下一片阴影。