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Part 1

Unfortunately(不幸地), a **crime** was about to be **committed**, but at that moment Lesley was **unaware** of the impending(即将发生的, 迫近的) event, which would **affect** her life so drastically(极端地, 彻底地) for the next two years.

For the moment at least, her holiday at the cottage had been **ideal**. She had spent many **idle** hours **relaxing** on the **deck**, reading, eating a sandwich when she was hungry and in the evening watching the sky turn from **brilliant** orange to peach and **finally** to pale purple, eventually the light becoming **dim**. It was about this time that the mist would begin to rise from the cool water hiding in the **dense** forest that hugged(环绕, 拥抱) the shoreline(海岸线). Late evening dew(露水) glistened(闪耀, 反光) on every bush and soon the loons'(潜鸟) call would resound(回响) across the water. She decided to take one last **dip** in the lake. As the cool night air touched her arms, she gave a little **shiver** and decided it was time to move inside.

This was to be her last evening alone as Jeff, her **former mate**, would be returning Zac to her early in the morning. As the case in many marriages these days, problems had **arisen** between Lesley and Jeff, but they did not **extend** to Zac. He was a good kid, just entering kindergarten. The couple had come to a **mutual agreement**, as **dictated** by the **legal** custody(监管, 保管) agreement. It stated that each parent would share Zac's care every second weekend and this had been her weekend to be alone.

Jeff was an **architect**, with a high-**profile reputation**, who worked in downtown Toronto, a partner in a **private corporation** which **mostly** did **consultant** work for the university. Lesley's company had been hired to **advertise** the new science **complex** in order to raise corporate(公司的) money for the **proposed** building. She liked her work and she **harbored** a secret **ambition** to manage her **division** of the company some day.

秒杀单词

一项犯罪就要得逞了。而不幸的是,就在那时,莱斯利对即将发生的事一点儿也没有察觉。这件事将会彻底改变了她此后两年的生活。

至少那个时候,她在小别墅的假期还是很惬意的。她在露天平台上度过了很多闲适轻松的时光:读书,饿了吃块三明治;晚上,看着天空由鲜橙色变为桃红色,然后变为淡紫色,最后光线终于暗淡下来。就在这时,薄雾开始从隐藏在环绕岸边的密林里的冷水中升起;再晚些,灌木上的露珠开始闪烁,不久,潜水鸟的叫声就会在水面上回荡起来。她决定在湖里最后再泡一会儿。当她的手臂触到夜晚凉爽的空气时,她不禁有些发抖,于是决定该是回到屋里去的时候了。

这是她在家中独处的最后一个晚上,因为她的前夫杰夫会在早上把扎克送回来。与当时许多婚姻情况一样,莱斯利和杰夫之间出现了很多问题,但并未延伸到扎克身上。他是个好孩子,刚刚上幼儿园。他们达成了一个依法监护的双方协议,协议规定双亲每两个周末轮换照顾孩子,这是她独处的周末。

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- crime *n.* 罪行
- commit *vt.* 犯(罪)
- unaware *a.* 不知道的
- affect *v.* 影响
- ideal *a.* 完美的
- idle *a.* 闲散的
- relax *v.* 放松
- deck *n.* 露天平台
- brilliant *a.* 灿烂的
- finally *ad.* 最后
- dim *a.* 暗淡的
- dense *a.* 稠密的
- dip *n.* 游一会泳
- shiver *n.* 发抖
- former *a.* 以前的
- mate *n.* 配偶
- arise *vi.* 出现
- extend *v.* 延伸
- mutual *a.* 共同的
- agreement *n.* 协议
- dictate *v.* 规定
- legal *a.* 合法的
- architect *n.* 建筑师
- profile *n.* 形象
- reputation *n.* 名声
- private *a.* 私人的
- corporation *n.* 公司
- mostly *ad.* 主要地
- consultant *n.* 顾问
- advertise/-ize *vt.* 为...做广告
- complex *n.* 综合体
- propose *v.* 计划
- harbo(u)r *vt.* 心怀
- ambition *n.* 雄心
- division *n.* 部门



生词详解

commit [kə'mɪt] **vt.** 犯(错误、罪行等), 干(蠢事、坏事等)

〔搭配〕 commit a crime/mistake 犯罪/错; commit suicide 自杀

aware [ə'weə] *a.* [表语] 意识到的,知道的

〔助记〕警告——使警惕、小心,使意识到(危险)

「熟」 warn → 「根」 ware

{ 警惕,小心 → [生] { beware v. 谨防,当心
wary a. 谨慎的

意识到 → [生] aware a. 意识到的

be aware of/that... 意识到...

awareness [ə'weənəs] *n.* ①意识, 觉悟 ②懂事, 明智

unaware [ˌʌnəˈweə] [un-(=not)] **a.** [表语] 不知道的,不注意的,没觉察到的

affect [ə'fekt] [af-(=ad- 向, 对) + fect(=do 作, 做); 对...起作用 →] v. ①影响 ②感动

[助记][根] fect 作,做 → [生] affect *v.*; effect *n.* 作用

[辨异] **affect** sth. = have an **effect** on sth.

(a) Smoking affects your health. =

(b) Smoking has an effect on your health.

affection [ə'fekʃn] [affect(感动)+-ion] *n.* 爱,感情
(=gentle lasting love, like that of parents for a child)

ideal [aɪ'di:əl] *n.* ①理想 ②理想的东西(或人)

a. ①理想的,完美的 ②想象的,空想的

[助记][熟] idea *n.* 想法, 思想 → [生] ideal *n.* /*a.* 理想 (的)

❖ Love is an **ideal** thing, marriage a **real** thing.
(Goethe) 爱情是理想, 婚姻是现实。(歌德)

idle ['aɪdl] *a.* ①不在工作的, 闲散的 ②懒散的, 无所事事的 *v.* 混时间, 闲荡

idle away 虚度(光阴)

❖ If one **idles away** his time, youth will **fade away** and life will run out on him. (Hugo) 谁虚度年华, 青春就要退色, 生命就会抛弃他。(雨果)

[辨异] **idle, lazy**

(1) 无事可做, 因而“闲散, 悠闲”, 英语称之为 idle, 如 He is idle because he is out of work. 他失业了, 所以很闲散。

(2) 不愿做事, 因而“懒惰”, 英语称之为 lazy, 如 You lazy bone, get to work! 你这个懒骨头, 干活去!

relax [rɪ'læks] v. ①(使)松弛, 放松 ②缓和, 放宽 ③休养, 娱乐

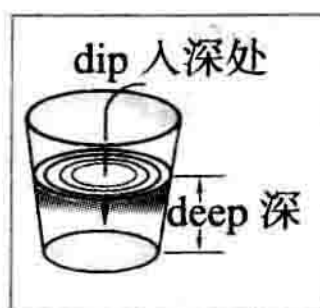
[助记] [形] lax 松弛的 → [动] relax (使)松弛

(a) a **lax** rope 松弛的绳子

(b) She **relaxed** her grip on the rope. 她松开了握紧绳索的手。

dip [dɪp] [deep 的同源异体词] v. ①浸, 蘸 ②下沉, 下降 n. 游一会泳

[助记] [熟] deep 深 → [生] dip [根义] 入深处

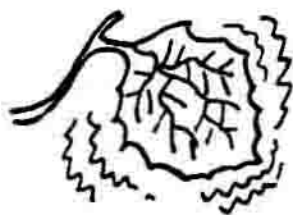


dip into ①随便翻阅, 浏览 ②把手伸进(…里取东西)

shiver ['ʃɪvə] vi. / n. 战栗, 发抖

[助记] [熟] shake 摇动 → [生] shiver 发抖

[熟] quake 震动 → [生] quiver, quaver 颤抖



quiver



shiver

[搭配] shiver with... 因…而发抖: The little girl was shivering with cold. 那小女孩冷得直打哆嗦。

[辨异] **shake, quiver, shiver, tremble** (颤动, 摇动)

(1) shake “摇动, 震动, 颤抖”, 日常用语, 着重“摇动的动作”。

(2) quiver “颤抖”, 指轻微地抖动或颤动。可用于树叶、

“connected with the law”. **legal** 还作“与法律有关的”解: the **legal** profession 法律专业。

(2) **Lawful** means “existing according to law” and suggests that the law has moral or religious force. **lawful** 意指“根据法律而存在的”, 并含有该法律具有道德和宗教约束力的意思: a **lawful** marriage 合法婚姻。

profile ['prəʊfaɪl] [pro-(朝前)+file

(线条, 纵列); 纵面朝前的线条 →] *n.*

①(面部或头部的)侧面(像) → ②轮廓, 外形

③传略, 人物简介 ④形象, 印象 *vt.* ①为…

描绘(轮廓等) → ②写…的传略(或概况)



[助记] 类比:

line 线 → outline ①外形 ②轮廓 ③概要

file 线 → profile ①侧面(像) ②轮廓 ③传略

private ['praɪvɪt] *a.* ①私人的, 个人的 ②秘密的

in private 在家里, 私下地(↔ in public 公开地)

[辨异] **personal, private**

(1) **personal**“个人的”, 不一定表示隐私, 如 **personal style** 个人的风格。

(2) **private**“私人的, 秘密的”, 指完全属于个人、不愿让其他人了解的, 可以说 **private** 修饰的范围窄于 **personal**, 如 **private conversation** 私人会谈。

corporation [ˌkɔ:pə'reɪʃn] [corpor(=body 体, 团体)+-ation] *n.* (有限)公司, 团体

[助记] [根] corp(or)(=body) → [生] **corporate** *a.* 团体的, 公司的; **corporation** *n.*

advertize/-ise ['ædvətaɪz] *vi.* 登广告, 做广告 *vt.* 为…做广告

advertisement [əd'vɜ:tɪsmənt] *n.* 广告(缩写为 **ad**)

harbo(u)r ['hɑ:bə] *n.* ①(海)港, 港口 ②避难所, 退

避处 *vi.* 停泊 *vt.* ①包庇, 隐匿 → ②心怀: He harbours a wish to be a world championship. 他内心怀有当一名世界冠军的愿望。

Meanwhile, over the next year there were countless visits and **interviews** at the police station and her home. The police appeared to be making no progress in tracking Zac's whereabouts(行踪). As the days passed, Lesley's frustration(挫败) **mounted** and she felt a sense of **alarm**. Eventually, she decided to take the **initiative** in continuing the search and she began to use well-established child find **agencies**. At times, **boosted** by hopes, she appeared to be on the right **trail** with a sense of **disgust**, but her hopes were **dashed** at the final moment. These **obstacles** only made her more determined not to quit or to **abandon** hope. After Zac's picture was **circulated** nationwide, telephone calls followed from strangers reporting sightings(被看见的人或事物) of a Zac look **alike**. Month by month her plan **evolved** into a **campaign** equal to a full-scale battle plan. She paid an **exceedingly** high fee for specialized help, such as the services of an **attorney**. Lesley became determined to **target** every major city where Jeff **normally contracted** business. As the months **slipped** by, Lesley's **exhaustion** became **noticeable** in her eyes. Her cheeks became **hollow pits**. Most days she felt as though she did not have an **ounce** of energy left because **proof** of Zac's **existence** seemed impossible to find.

Another year passed and her hopes dimmed. **Unexpectedly**, late in August a promising lead brought her to Los Angeles.

The **interior** of the **bar** was dark. Her quest to **locate** Jeff and Zac had taken two years. She had paid private investigators in American **currency** to help her locate her ex-husband. In her handbag she carried the necessary proof that would **identify** her to the **authorities** if she was successful in being able to bring Zac home again, to Canada. She had been **impatient** for this moment to arrive for so long and yet now she just wanted to **secure** her son with a **minimum** of **fuss**. Now, right **on cue**, a tall stranger slipped into the bar and sat down. One **glimpse** told her it was Jeff. He looked weary(疲劳的) and older but

definitely familiar. A **chill** ran up her **spine**. Close to success, she refused to **concede** defeat. It was the time to remedy the enormous sadness. This time she wanted a **guarantee** of success. She stared straight ahead with a **vacant** look, trying to grasp the important moment. **Vivid** scenes, from the past two years' search, **flashed** through her mind.

The **following** day, happily for Lesley, the headline of the **local** paper read, "Father turns over child. Mother **slams** system."

Lesley and Zac's **subsequent** life could now **resume** some form of normalcy(正常状态), however, the stress and **strain** of the past two years would always remain as a part of this **renewed relationship** in the memory.

(The End)

看起来很疲惫,显得更苍老了,但还是相当熟悉。一阵寒气掠过她的脊背。马上就要成功了!她拒绝承认失败,这正是治疗巨大伤痛的时刻。这次,她要确保成功。她带着迷茫的神情凝视着前方,努力要抓住这重要的时刻。过去两年的搜寻情景,一幕幕清晰地她的脑海中闪现。

翌日,使莱斯利感到高兴的是当地报纸的头条新闻写道:“父亲将孩子送回,母亲猛烈抨击体制。”

至于莱斯利和扎克后来的生活,现在可能恢复到某种正常状态了。然而,过去两年的压力和紧张将成为这种重新恢复起来的关系中的一部分,永远留在记忆里。

(结束)

秒杀单词

definitely *ad.* 肯定地
chill *n.* 寒气
spine *n.* 脊椎
concede *v.* (不情愿地)承认
guarantee *n.* 保证
vacant *a.* 茫然的
vivid *a.* 栩栩如生的
flash *vi.* 闪现
following *a.* 接着的
local *a.* 当地的
slam *vt.* 猛烈抨击
system *n.* 体制
subsequent *a.* 后来的
resume *v.* 恢复
strain *n.* 紧张
renew *v.* 恢复
relationship *n.* 关系

生·词·详·解

mood [mu:d] *n.* ①心情,情绪 ②[语法] 语气

[助记] 【详见 UNIT 4, P125】

[搭配] be in the mood for sth. 有做某事的心情; be in no mood for/to do sth. 没有心思做某事: I'm in no mood for a party. 我没有心思参加聚会。

knot [nɒt] *n.* ①(绳等的)结 ②[航速单位] 节
③(木材上的)节疤 *vt.* 把...打成结,把...结牢

knit [nɪt] [根义] 编结 → [多义] (knitted/knit; knitted/knit) *vt.* ①编织 ②(together)使紧密地结合 ③使紧凑 ④[~ one's brows] 皱紧,皱(眉) *vi.* ①编结,编织 ②(折骨)愈合

[助记] 你知:[熟] song *n.* 歌 — [熟] sing *v.* 唱

可知:[熟] knot *n.* 结 — [生] knit *v.* 编结

△类例: stroke *n.* (一)击 — strike *v.* 击

gold *n.* 金 — gild *v.* 镀金

persist [pə'sɪst] [per-(=throughout 始终) + sist (=stand); 自始至终站着 →] *vi.* ①坚持,执意 ②持续,存留

[辨异] **insist (on), persist (in) (坚持)**

(1) **Insist on** means "to be very firm in doing or saying what one wants to": He **insisted on** carrying her case for her.

(2) **Persist in** means "to go on doing sth.": He **persisted in** asking her annoying questions.

arrange [ə'reɪndʒ] [ar-(=ad-, to) + range(排列)]

v. ①安排,准备,筹划 ②整理,排列,布置

[搭配] arrange **for**(不能省略) sb. to do sth. 安排某人做某事

frustrate [frʌ'streɪt] *vt.* ①使沮丧 ②挫败,阻挠(多用于被动语态): The rescue attempt was frustrated by

sufficient [sə'fɪʃnt] *a.* 足够的, 充分的

一言辨异: **sufficient, enough**

The miser had **sufficient** money but he thought it was not **enough**. 那个守财奴有足够的钱, 但他还是觉得不够。

——enough 指主观愿望上的满足, 而 sufficient 则指客观需要的、达到目的的“满足”。

deficient [dɪ'fɪʃnt] *a.* ①缺乏的, 不足的 ②有缺陷的

vehicle ['vi:əkl, 'vi:ɪkl] [veh(=way) + -icle(表示工具)] *n.* 交通工具, 车辆

border ['bɔ:də] *n.* ①边缘 ②边界, 国界 *v.* ①与...接壤, 交界 ②接近, 和...近似

[助记] aboard 原本仅指“上船”, 因为 board 最原始的意义是“船舷”(ship's side)

[熟] board (= ship's side) → [根] bord (= side) →

[生] border *n.* 边缘

border on 接壤

whatsoever [ˌwɒtsəʊ'veə] *ad.* ①丝毫(不) ②不管发生什么 *pron.* 任何, 无论如何

[用法] whatsoever 常用于否定句以加强语气: There is no doubt whatsoever that she is an excellent nurse. 毫无疑问, 她是位优秀的护士。

reality [rɪ'æləti] *n.* ①现实, 实际 ②真实

in reality 实际上, 事实上

spokesman ['spəʊksmən] *n.* 发言人

[助记] 已知: speak → spoke, spoken;

易记: spokesman *n.* 发言人

spokesperson ['spəʊkspɜ:sn] *n.* 发言人

justice ['dʒʌstɪs] *n.* 正义, 公正, 公平

[助记] [熟] just *a.* 公正的, 正义的 → [生] justice *n.*; justify *vt.* 证明...正当(或有理)

statistics [stə'tɪstɪks] *n.* ①[用作复数] 统计数值, 统计资料 ②[用作不可数名词] 统计学

[助记][熟] state 状态,情况 → [生] statist [state(状态)+-ist(...家);描绘...所处状态的人 →] *n.* 统计学家; *statistics n.*

△“统计学家”现多用 *statistician*。

missing ['mɪsɪŋ] *a.* ①失踪的 ②丢失的 ③缺少的

[用法]说某物丢失了,用 *be missing*,不用 *be missed*。

preliminary [prɪ'limɪnəri] [pre-(在前)+limin(界限)+-ary(...的)] *a.* 初步的,预备的 *n.* ①初步做法,准备工作 ②预赛

[助记][数学] lim 极限 → [英] limit 界限 → [根] limin(=limit) → [生] eliminate [e-(=ex-出)] *vt.* 排除,消除; *preliminary a./n.*

survey { [sə'veɪ] *v.* [sur-(在上)+vey(看)] *v./*
['sɜ:veɪ] *n.*

n. ①调查,检查 ②测量,查勘 ③俯瞰,眺望

利用构词巧辨同义词

inspect [in-(=in, into)+spect(=look)] 原义为“look into”,指检查,视察。

survey [sur-(在上)+vey(=view 看)] 原义为“在...上看,俯瞰”,因而指全局性检查或全面调查。

investigate [in-(=in, into)+vestige(痕迹)+-ate] 原义为“寻迹而查”,因而指(具体)调查、研究某事。

initiative [ɪ'nɪʃətɪv] *n.* ①主动性,首创精神 ②主动行为,倡议

[助记]已知:ex- 出 ↔ in- 入

易记:[熟] exit 出口 ↔ [根] init 入门 → [生] initial *a./n.* 开始,发起; *initiative n.*

[搭配] take the initiative (in) doing... 主动做...: Charles is shy and does not take the initiative in making acquaintances. 查尔斯很害羞,不会主动结交朋友。

trail [treɪl] *n.* ①(乡间或林中)小路,小径 ②足迹,踪迹 *v.* 拖,拉 *vt.* 跟踪,追踪 *vi.* 慢吞吞地走(在后面)

(2) alike 只作表语,前面不可加 very,常加 much。

The two sisters are $\begin{cases} \text{very like.} \\ \text{much alike.} \end{cases}$ 这姐妹俩很相像。

like (NOT alike) poles 同极

scale [skeɪl] *n.* ①刻度,标度 ②(*pl.*)天平,磅秤
③比例(尺) ④等级 ⑤(*sing.*)大小,规模 ⑥(鱼等的)鳞
⑦音阶 *vt.* ①攀登,爬越 ②改变尺寸大小

[助记] 多义:

[根义] $\begin{matrix} \text{刻度} \\ \text{梯度} \end{matrix}$ \rightarrow [多义] $\begin{cases} \text{标度,刻度} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{比例尺} \\ \text{天平} \end{cases} \\ \text{等级} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{音阶} \\ \text{鱼鳞} \\ \text{规模} \end{cases} \end{cases}$ *vt.* 攀登,爬越

on a... scale ...规模地,在...规模上

scale down 缩减: We are going to scale down the trees being felled. 我们要减少树木的砍伐数量。

attorney [ə'tɜːnɪ] [at-(=ad-, to) + torn(=turn) + -ey; 原义:使(有罪)转变成(无罪) \rightarrow] *n.* 辩护律师,(业务或法律事务上的)代理人

[助记] [熟] turn \rightarrow [根] torn(=turn) \rightarrow [生] tornado *n.* 龙卷风; attorney *n.*

[辨异] attorney, lawyer

(1) attorney 为初级律师,在英国(初级)律师用 solicitor。

(2) lawyer 是一般用语。

contract $\begin{cases} [\text{kən'trækt}] \text{ } v. \\ ['kɒntrækt] \text{ } n. \end{cases}$ [重音:名前动后]

(1) [con-(一起,相互) + tract(拉,牵 \rightarrow 牵制); 相互牵制 \rightarrow] *n.* 合同,契约 *vi.* 订合同,订契约 *vt.* 订(约)

(2) [con-(一起,相互) + tract(拉,牵); 拉到一起 \rightarrow] *vi.* 收缩,缩小 *vt.* 感染(疾病),染上(恶习)

exhaust [ɪg'zɔːst] *vt.* ①用尽,耗尽 ②使精疲力竭
③详尽论述 *n.* ①排气管 ②废气