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There Is Always a Way Out

It was a 24-member expedition to the virgin forest at the upper reaches of the Amazon River. Due to the special climate of tropical rainforests, many members lost contact with the expedition for their serious physical discomfort.

Until two months later, all the circumstances of this expedition were made clear: among the 24 people, 23 of them died unluckily in the **primeval** forests; only one created the **miracle** of survival. He was the famous explorer John Borusen.

In the primeval forests, Borusen suffered from severe asthma. He kept groping in the vast forests on an empty stomach for three days and nights. In this process, he lost consciousness more than ten times, but the strong desire to survive made him time and again stand up and continued struggling tenaciously. He insisted step by step, explored step by step and the miracle of life was born in such insistence and grope!

Later, when many reporters rushed to interview John Borusen, one question they asked most frequently was, "Why could you survive luckily alone?" He said, "There is no mountain higher than people, nor is the road longer than feet."

There is always a way out. As long as we have our feet, we'll have a road. This is the **faith** that supported him to survive.



expedition [ekspe'dɪʃn] n. 远征,探险队 virgin forest [林] 原始森林 upper reaches 上游,上游河段 tropical ['tropikl] adj. 热带的 discomfort [dɪs'kʌmfet] n. 不适,不舒服,疼痛 primeval [praɪˈmiːvl] adj. 原始的,初期的 miracle ['mɪrekl] n. 奇迹

asthma [ˈæsmə] n. [病理学] 哮喘,气喘 grope [grəup] ν. 摸索,探索 consciousness [ˈkɒnʃəsnəs] n. 意识,知觉 stand up 坚持 tenaciously [təˈneɪʃəsli] adv. 坚持地 faith [feɪθ] n. 信仰,信念

天无绝人之路

那是一支由24人组成的探险队,他们到亚马逊河上游的原始森林里去探险。由于 热带雨林的特殊气候,许多人因身体严重不适,与探险队失去了联系。

直到两个月后,才彻底搞清了这支探险队的情况:在24人当中,有23人在原始森林中不幸遇难,只有一个人创造了生还的奇迹。这个人就是著名探险家约翰·鲍卢森。

在原始森林中,鲍卢森患上了严重的哮喘病。他饿着肚子在茫茫林海中坚持摸索了三天三夜。在此过程中,他昏死过去十几次,但强烈的求生欲望促使他一次又一次地站了起来,继续顽强地抗争。他一步一步地坚持,一步一步地摸索,生命的奇迹就这样在坚持和摸索中诞生了!

后来,许多记者争先恐后地采访约翰·鲍卢森,他们问得最多的一个问题是: "为什么唯独你能幸运地死里逃生?"他说:"世界上没有比人更高的山,也没有 比脚更长的路。"

天无绝人之路。只要有脚,就会有路。这就是支撑他死里逃生的信念。

大道理

即使身处绝境路,只要我们带着坚定的信念,向前迈出步伐,就会绝处逢生,找到一条出路。我们经常会遭受失败和挫折,感到沮丧、无望,可是别忘了,天无绝人之路。路在脚下,只要我们敢于探索,一定会走出一条属于自己的路。



Glenn Cunningham's Determination

The little country schoolhouse was heated by an old-fashioned **pot-bellied** coal stove. A little boy had the job of coming to school early each day to start the fire and warm the room before his teacher and classmates arrived.

One morning they arrived to find the schoolhouse **engulfed in** flames. They **dragged** the unconscious little boy out of the flaming building more dead than alive. He had major burns over the lower half of his body and was taken to a nearby county hospital. From his bed the semi-conscious little boy **faintly** heard the doctor talking to his mother. The doctor told his mother that her son would surely be dead, for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body.

But the brave boy didn't want to die. He made up his mind that he would survive. Somehow, to the amazement of the physician, he did survive. When the mortal danger was past, he again heard the doctor and his mother speaking quietly. The mother was told that since the fire had destroyed so much flesh in the lower part of his body, that he was doomed to be a lifetime cripple.

Once more the brave boy made up his mind. He would not be a cripple. He would walk. But unluckily from the waist down, he had no motor ability. His thin legs just dangled there, all but lifeless. Ultimately, he was released from the hospital.

Every day his mother would massage his little legs, but there was no effect. He was either in bed or confined to a wheelchair. Yet his determination that he would walk was as strong as ever.



格伦·坎宁安的决心

一个乡村的小校舍靠老式的大肚煤炉取暖。一个小男孩负责每天一早在师生到 校前赶来生起炉火,温暖教室。

一天早晨,师生们到学校后,发现校舍被大火吞没了。他们把昏迷的小男孩从燃烧的房子里拽出来时,他已经奄奄一息了。他的下半身严重烧伤,被送到了附近的一家县医院。半昏迷的小男孩在病床上模糊地听到医生在和他母亲说话。医生告诉小男孩的母亲说,她的儿子肯定会死,因为可怕的大火已经烧坏了他的下半身。

但勇敢的小男孩不想死。他下定决心要活下来。让医生吃惊的是,不知何故, 他真的活了下来。致命的危险过后,他又听到医生在低声和母亲说话。母亲被告 知,因为大火烧坏了他下半身的很多肌肉,所以他注定要终生残废。

勇敢的小男孩又一次下定了决心,他不会残废,他要走路。但不幸的是,他腰部以下已经没有运动能力了,纤细的双腿只是在那里吊着,几乎毫无知觉。最后,他出院了。

每天,他的母亲都会按摩他的双腿,但毫不见效。他每天不是待在床上,就是 坐在轮椅上。然而,他想走路的决心仍是那么强烈。



pot-bellied ['pot'belid] *adj*. 有圆肚的,大腹的 stove [steuv] *n*. 火炉 engulf v. 吞没,沉浸 drag [dræg] v. 拖曳,拖拉

faintly [feɪntli] adv. 微弱地,模糊地 be doomed to 注定,注定要 cripple [ˈkrɪpl] n. 残废 dangle [ˈdængl] v. 摇晃地悬挂着 One sunny day his mother wheeled him out into the yard to get some fresh air. This day, instead of sitting there, he threw himself from the chair. He pulled himself across the grass, dragging his legs behind him. He worked his way to the white picket fence bordering their lot. With great effort, he raised himself up on the fence. Then, stake by stake, he began dragging himself along the fence, resolved that he would walk.

He started to do this every day until he wore a smooth path all around the yard beside the fence.

Ultimately through his daily massages, his persistence and his resolute determination, he did develop the ability to stand up, first to walk haltingly, then to walk by himself—and then—to run.

He began to walk to school, then to run to school, to run for the sheer joy of running. Later in college he made the track team. Still later in Madison Square Garden, this young man who was not expected to survive, who would surely never walk, who could never hope to run—Dr. Glenn Cunningham, ran the world's fastest mile!

一个阳光灿烂的日子,他母亲把他推到院子里去呼吸新鲜空气。这天,他没有坐在那里,而是从轮椅上扑下来,拖着双腿爬过草地,一直爬到他们家院子边界的白色尖桩篱栅边,费了很大的劲儿扶着篱笆站了起来。随后,他开始顺着篱笆一个个木桩向前拖行,下定决心一定要走路。

他开始每天都这样做,直至把院子里靠近篱笆的地方磨出了一条平滑的小路。

终于,通过每天按摩、坚持不懈和坚定的决心,他确实练出了站起来的能力, 起初步履蹒跚,后来能独立行走了,最后竟能跑起来了。

他开始步行上学,然后跑步上学,只为了跑步的乐趣而跑步。后来上大学时,他参加了田径队。再后来,这个曾被认为不能活下来,当然更不会行走,也没有希望跑步的年轻人格伦·坎宁安博士,在麦迪逊广场花园跑出了世界上最快的速度!

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