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Bissel is a small village of the West Sahara. It lies next to a patch of 1.5-square-kilometer oasis, from where three days and nights are generally required to go out of the desert. However, before Ken Levin discovered it in 1926, none of the people had walked out of the desert. Reportedly, they were not reluctant to leave this barren land, but had no way to walk out of it after they had tried many times.

As an academician of the British Royal College of Sciences, Ken Levin, of course, did not believe this viewpoint. He asked the reason of the people here. As a result, the answer of each was the same: to whichever direction they went from here, they would eventually return to this place. To prove this parlance, he did an experiment. He went north from Bissel Village and finally walked out from it for three and a half days.

Why couldn't the Bissel villagers walk out of it? Ken Levin was very puzzled. In the end, he had to employ a Bissel villager to lead the way and wanted to find out the reason. They prepared the water that could be used for half a month and two camels. While only leaning on a stick, Ken Levin put away the compass and other facilities, following the man.

Ten days later, they walked for about 800 miles. On the 11th morning, an oasis came into their view. They really came back again to Bissel. This time, Ken Levin came to understand: the Bissel people couldn't walk out of the desert because they had no knowledge of the **North Star**.



## 新生活从选定方向开始

比赛尔是西撒哈拉沙漠中的一个小村庄,它紧挨着一块占地1.5平方公里的绿洲,从这里走出沙漠一般需要3个昼夜。可是,在1926年肯·莱文发现它之前,没有一个人走出过沙漠。据说,他们不是不愿意离开这块贫瘠的土地,而是尝试过很多次都没有找到走出去的路。

肯·莱文是英国皇家科学院的院士,他当然不相信这种说法。他向这里的人询问原因,结果每个人的回答都是一样的:他们从这里无论朝哪个方向走,最后都会转回到原来的地方。为了证实这种说法,他做了一次试验。他从比赛尔村向北走,结果3天半就走了出去。

为什么比赛尔的村民走不出去呢? 肯·莱文非常纳闷。最后,他只得雇比赛尔的一位村民,让他带路,想找出原因。他们准备了能用半个月的水,牵上两匹骆驼。肯·莱文收起指南针和其他设备,就拄了一根木棍,跟在那人后面。

10天过去了,他们走了大约800英里的路程。第11天早晨,一块绿洲出现在他们 眼前。他们果然又回到了比赛尔。这时,肯·莱文终于明白了,比赛尔人之所以走 不出沙漠,是因为他们根本就不认识北极星。



a patch of 一片,一块
oasis [eʊ'eɪsɪs] n. 绿洲
reportedly [rɪ'pɔ:tɪdli] adv. 据说,据传闻
barren ['bæren] adi. 贫瘠的,荒芜的

academician [əˌkædəˈmɪʃn] n. 院士 parlance [ˈpɑːləns] n. 说法 compass [ˈkʌmpəs] n. 指南针,罗盘 North Star 北极星 In the boundless desert, if a person goes forward relying on his or her sense, he or she will make lots and lots of circles of different sizes, and the final footprints will be likely the shape of a tape. Bissel Village was in the middle of the immense desert with more than one thousand square kilometers, so without a compass, it was indeed impossible to walk out of the desert.

Leaving Bissel Village, Ken Levin brought a young man called Argutel, who was the man who had cooperated with him last time. He told the young man, "As long as you rest in the daytime and walk towards the brightest star at night, you would be able to walk out of the desert." Argutel did as he was told. Three days later, he, sure enough, came to the edge of the desert.

Now in the West Sahara, Bissel has been a bright pearl, where tens of thousands of tourists come here. As the pioneer of Bissel, Argutel's **bronze statue** stands in the center of the town. On the base of the bronze statue the following line was carved, "A new life starts from the fixed direction."



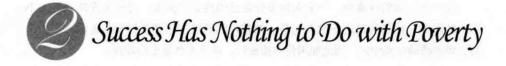
在一望无际的沙漠里,一个人如果凭自己的感觉往前走,会走出许许多多大小不一的圆圈,最后的足迹十有八九是一把卷尺的形状。比赛尔村处在占地一千多平方公里的浩瀚沙漠中间。因此如果没有指南针,确实不可能走出沙漠。

离开比赛尔村时,肯·莱文带上了一个叫阿古特尔的年轻人,这个年轻人就是 上次和他合作的人。他告诉这个年轻人: "你只要白天休息,夜晚朝着最亮的那颗 星星走,就能走出沙漠。"阿古特尔照着做了,3天后果然走到了沙漠边缘。

现在比赛尔已是西撒哈拉沙漠中的一颗明珠,有数以万计的游客来到这里。 作为比赛尔的开拓者,阿古特尔的铜像竖立在小城中央。铜像底座上刻着一行字: "新生活从选定方向开始。"

大道理

我们在人生旅途中,会遇到很多沙漠。 许多人兜兜转转,最后又回到了起点。他们走 不出人生沙漠,并不是因为他们缺乏勇气和智 慧,而是因为他们缺少一个明确的方向。新的 人生应从选定方向开始!



Eel Prague was the first black journalist who won the **Pulitzer News Prize** in the history of the United States. Brave and hardworking, he made outstanding achievements and created a miracle in the history of the American news. Recalling his own childhood experiences, he said, "Our family was so poor that my parents made a living by toiling for others. At that time, my father was a sailor, who would have to go between the ports on the Atlantic Ocean. I always thought the black people humble like us couldn't have any prospect, so perhaps we would wander about **aimlessly** like the ships where my father worked."

One day when he was nine, his father took him to visit Van Gogh's former residence. In front of the **creaky** small wooden bed and the pair of **cracked** leather shoes, Prague, asked his father curiously, "Since Van Gogh was the world's greatest painter, wasn't he a millionaire?" His father answered, "Van Gogh was a poor man who even didn't afford to marry a wife."

Once, his father took him to Denmark. At Hans Christian Anderson's home with the **stained** walls, Prague was confused to ask, "Didn't Andersen live in the royal palace?" His father replied, "Andersen was a shoemaker's son, who had lived in this broken **attic** before his death. The royal palace only appeared in his fairy tales."

Since then, Prague's life had changed completely. He said, "I'm fortunate enough to have a good father, who let me know Van Gogh and Andersen. And these two great artists also told me the success of people has nothing to do with poverty."