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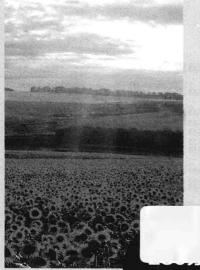
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Love Is Like a Broken Arm

"But what if I break my arm again?" My five-year-old daughter asked, her lower lip **trembling**. I **knelt** holding onto her bike and looked her right in the eyes. I knew how much she wanted to learn to ride and how often she felt left out when her friends **pedaled** by our house. Yet ever since she'd fallen off her bike and broken her arm, she'd been afraid.

"Oh honey," I said. "I don't think you'll break another arm."

"But I could, couldn't I?"

"Yes," I admitted, and found myself struggling for the right thing to say. At times like this, I wished I had a partner to turn to, someone who might help find the right words to make my little girl's problems disappear. But after a disastrous marriage and a painful divorce, I'd welcomed the hardships of being a single parent and had been adamant in telling anyone who tried to fix me up that I was terminally single.

"I don't think I want to ride," she said and got off her bike.

We walked away and sat down beside a tree.

"Don't you want to ride with your friends?" I asked.

"And I thought you were hoping to start riding your bike to school next year," I added.

"I was," she said, her voice almost a quiver.

"You know, honey," I said. "Almost everything you do comes with risks. You could get a broken arm in a car wreck and then be afraid to ever ride in a car again. You could break your arm jumping rope. You could break your arm at gymnastics. Do you want to stop going to **gymnastics**?"

爱如断臂

"但如果我又把胳膊摔断了怎么办?"我5岁的女儿问我,她的下嘴唇颤抖着。 我跪着抓紧她的自行车,直视着她的眼睛。我很清楚她有多想学会骑车,也清楚有 多少次她的朋友们骑着车经过我们家时,她都感到自己受了冷落。可自从上次她从 自行车上摔下来,摔断了胳膊,她就害怕骑车了。

"噢,亲爱的,"我说:"我觉得你不会把另一只胳膊给摔断的。"

"但是有可能会,不是吗?"

"是的,"我承认道,此时我真的不知道自己怎么说才好。每逢遇到这种情况,我都非常希望有个人能来帮我,一个能帮我找到合适的语言来帮助我的小女儿解决难题的人。可是在经历过一场不幸的婚姻和痛苦的离婚之后,我宁愿当个单身母亲,再苦都无所谓,并且我还态度坚决地告诉每个要给我介绍对象的人,说我决定单身下去。

"我觉得我不想再骑车了。"她说着便下了自行车。

我们走到一棵树旁坐下来。

- "难道你不想和你的朋友们一起骑车吗?"我问道。
- "而且我原以为你希望明年开始自己骑着车去上学呢,"我又说道。
- "我确实希望能这样。"她声音有点儿颤抖。

"知道吗,宝贝儿,"我说:"几乎你要做的每件事情都是有风险的。汽车 失事也会折断胳膊,那你会为此而一坐车就害怕吗?跳绳、做体操都有可能折断胳膊,可你会因此不练体操了吗?"



trembling ['tremblɪn] adj. 发抖的kneel [ni:l] v. 跪下pedal ['pedl] v. 骑自行车, 踩踏板disastrous [dr'zo:stres] adj. 极不幸的adamant ['ædəmənt] adj. 坚定不移的, 不动摇的

fix up 为(某人)结识异性朋友做安排 terminally [ˈtɜːmɪnəli] *adv*. 最后 quiver [ˈkwɪvə(r)] *n*. 颤抖 gymnastic [dʒɪmˈnæstɪk] *n*. 体操,体操训练 "No," she said. And with a determined spirit, she stood up and agreed to try again. I held on to the back of her bike until she found the courage to say, "Let's go!"

I spent the rest of the afternoon at the park watching a very brave little girl overcome a fear, and congratulating myself for being a **self-sufficient** single parent.

As we walked home, pushing the bike as we made our way along the **sidewalk**, she asked me about a conversation she'd overheard me having with my mother the night before.

"Why were you and grandma arguing last night?"

My mother was one of the many people who **constantly** tried to fix me up. How many times had I told her "no" to meeting the Mr. Perfect she picked out for me. She just knew Steve was the man for me.

"It's nothing," I told her.

She shrugged. "Grandma said she just wanted you to find someone to love."

"What grandma wants is for some guy to break my heart again," I snapped, angry that my mother had said anything about this to my daughter.

"But Mom."

"You're too young to understand," I told her.

She was quiet for the next few minutes. Then she looked up and in a small voice gave me something to think about.

"So I guess love isn't like a broken arm."

We walked the rest of the way in silence. I let go and agreed to meet Steve.

Steve was the man for me. We married less than a year later. It turned out mother and my daughter were right.



self-sufficient ['selfsə'fɪʃnt] *adj*. 自给自足的 sidewalk ['saɪdwo:k] *n*. 人行道 constantly ['konstantli] *adv*. 不断地

shrug [∫rʌɡ] v. 耸肩 let go 妥协 "不!"她说。然后她毅然地起身,同意再试试。我扶着车尾,直到她鼓起勇气说:"出发吧!"

整个下午,我都在公园里看着一个非常勇敢的小女孩克服恐惧,我祝贺自己成为了可以依靠自己的单身家长。

我们推着自行车沿着人行道往家走时,她问起昨天晚上无意中听到的我和我妈 妈的谈话。

"昨天晚上您为什么和姥姥争吵?"

总有很多人想安排我去相亲,而我妈妈就是这众多人中的一个。我多次拒绝去 见她为我选的白马王子。她认为史蒂文适合我。

"没什么事,"我告诉她。

她耸耸肩。"姥姥说她只不过想让你找个人来爱。"

"姥姥想要的就是找个人再次伤我的心。"我厉声说道,为妈妈跟我的女儿说 这样的事而生气。

"可是妈妈。"

"你太小了,不会懂的。"我对她说。

接下来好几分钟她都很安静。然后她抬起头来,小声地说了句令我深思的话。

"那么我猜爱情和断胳膊不是一回事。"

我们默默地走完了剩下的路。我妥协了,同意去见史蒂文。

史蒂文正是我的那位白马王子。不到一年我们便结了婚。结果证明,妈妈和女 儿的话是对的。

大道理

我们一生会经历许多困难和挫折,但我们不能因为遇到了困难就停步不前,受过挫折就一蹶不振,对生活失去信心。相反,我们应该勇于克服困难,不向困难低头,将挫折化为继续前行的动力,迎接新的挑战。



The Shared Love

One afternoon I toured an art museum while waiting for my husband to finish a business meeting. I was looking forward to a quiet view of the masterpieces.

A young couple viewing the paintings ahead of me **chattered nonstop** between themselves. I watched them a moment and decided she was doing all the talking. I admired his patience for putting up with her constant **parade** of words. **Distracted** by their noise, I moved on.

I **encountered** them several times as I moved through the various rooms of art. Each time I heard her constant **gush** of words, I moved away quickly.

I was standing at the counter of the museum gift shop making a purchase when the couple approached the exit. Before they left, the man reached into his pocket and pulled out a white object. It was a long **cane**. He tapped his way into the **coatroom** to get his wife's jacket.

"He's a brave man," the clerk at the counter said. "Most of us would give up if we were **blinded** at such a young age. During his recovery, he made a vow his life wouldn't change. So, as before, he and his wife come in whenever there's a new art show."

"But what does he get out of the art?" I asked. "He can't see."

"Can't see! You're wrong. He sees a lot. More than you or I do," the clerk said. "His wife describes each painting so he can see it in his head."



共享的爱

一天下午,我丈夫去参加一场商务会议。我等他时,去参观了一家美术馆,想 静静地欣赏那些名画。

我前面有一对看画的年轻夫妇滔滔不绝地说个没完。我看了他们一会儿,断定 是那个女的一直在说。我钦佩那个男人的耐性,居然可以忍受她的喋喋不休。他们 的说话声让我心烦意乱,我就继续向前走。

我走过不同的艺术品陈列室时碰到了他们好几次。每次听到她喋喋不休,我就 马上离开。

我站在美术馆礼品店的柜台前买东西,这时这对夫妇靠近了出口。他们离开前,男人把手伸进口袋,掏出一个白色的东西。那是一根长长的手杖。他轻轻扣着 地板,到衣帽间去拿妻子的夹克。

"他是个勇敢的人。"柜台店员说。"如果我们这样年轻就失明,大多数人都会放弃。他在康复期间发誓他的生活不会改变。所以,和以前一样,只要有新的美术展,他都会和妻子来。"

"可他能从美术品中得到什么呢?"我问。"他看不到啊。"

"看不到!你错了。他看到的东西多着呢。比你我看到的都多。"店员说。 "他的妻子给他描述每一幅画,这样他就可以在脑海中看到了。"



masterpiece [mɑːstəpi:s] n. 杰作,代表作 chatter [tʃætə(r)] ν . 唠叨,喋喋不休 nonstop [non'stop] $ad\nu$. 不停歇地 parade [pə'reɪd] n. 行进 distracted [dr'stræktɪd] adj. 心烦意乱的

encounter [ɪnˈkauntə(r)] v. 偶然碰见,邂逅gush [gʌʃ] n. 涌出,迸出cane [keɪn] n. 手杖coatroom [ˈkəutruːm] n. 衣帽间blinded [blaɪndɪd] adj. 失明的,瞎的