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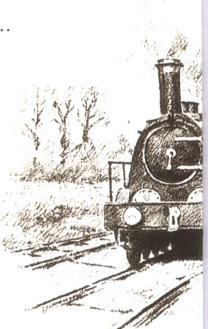


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Full steam ahead

We're going to Paris... we're going to Paris... the wheels of the train seemed to say, as they ate up the miles of track. Maria Sklodowska sat huddled on her stool in a fourthclass carriage. She had been on the train for three days and Warsaw was now far behind her. "I'm going to Paris," she smiled. Paris meant **freedom!** Freedom to study science.



金莲那趟

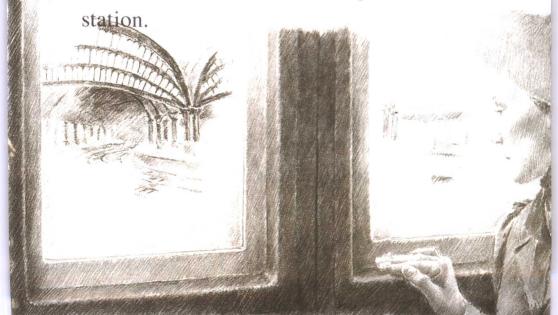
铁轨飞快地消失在火车轮下,轮子 轰隆隆的声音似乎在说着:我们

Paris [`pæris] 图巴黎 (法国的首都)
wheel [hwi:l] 图 轮子
track [træk] 图 铁路
huddle [`hʌdl] 励 拥挤
carriage [`kæridʒ] 图 (铁路的)客车车厢
Warsaw [`wɔːsɔː] 图 华沙(波兰的首都)
freedom [`fri:dəm] 图 自由

Maria shuffled uncomfortably. The cold, ladies-only carriage did not have proper seats. Only first-class passengers could travel in comfort; they had coal-fired boxes for warmth. Maria tucked her blanket around her cold feet. But her gray eyes sparkled.

At last her dream was coming true.

Dawn was breaking as the train approached Paris. She folded the blanket, pushed a stray fair curl beneath her hat and peered through the grimy windows. At last the train whooshed and gasped its way beneath the glass roof of the



玛丽亚不舒服地挪动身子。女士专用车厢内冰冰冷冷的,座椅并不高级。头等车厢内有暖炉可以取暖,也只有那里的乘客才得以舒服地旅行。玛丽亚拉起毛毯 盖住冰冷的双脚,但她灰色的眸子却闪现着光芒。

她的梦想终于要实现了。

黎明破晓时分,火车就快要驶进巴黎。她折好毛毯,整理一下帽子底下散乱的鬈发,从被煤烟熏黑的窗户向外望去。终于,火车呜呜地鸣着汽笛,驶进了玻璃顶罩的火车站。



shuffle [`ʃʌfl] 园 移动
tuck [tʌk] 园 (用毛毯)裹住
sparkle [`spɑːkl] 园 闪闪发光
approach [ə`proutʃ] 园 接近
fold [fould] 园 折叠
stray [strei] 冠 散乱的
peer [piə] 园 凝视
grimy [`graimi] 冠 被煤烟熏黑的
whoosh [hwuːʃ] 园 发嘶嘶声
gasp [gɑːsp] 园 喘气



Spotted with soot, tired and nervous, Maria thought longingly of her family in Warsaw. Then she was almost jerked off her feet as the train stopped. She bunched her skirts and stepped down, a small, determined young woman. She had come to Paris to enrol as a student of chemistry and physics at the Sorbonne university. Waiting to meet her was ther new brother-in-law.

疲倦、紧张,再加上一身的火车煤灰,玛丽亚好想念华沙的家人。火车停稳的瞬间,她便马上站了起来。这个体型瘦小却有着无比决心毅力的年轻女子,拉着裙子步下了火车。她来巴黎是为了进索邦大学攻读物理和化学。来车站接她的是和姐姐新婚不久的姐夫。

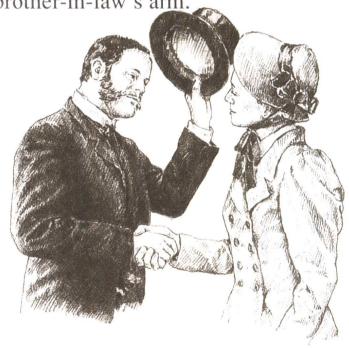
spot [spot] 动 弄脏
soot [sut] 名 煤烟
longingly ['lonjin]! 副 渴望地
jerk [dʒəːk] 动 急动
bunch [bʌnt]] 动 收拢
determined [di təːmind] 形 坚决的
enrol [in roul] 动 注册
chemistry ['kemistri] 名 化学
physics ['fiziks] 名 物理学
(the) Sorbonne [sɔː bɔn] 名 索邦大学(巴黎
大学文理学院)
brother-in-law ['brʌðərinlɔː] 名 姐夫,妹婿

"Maria?" A young gentleman raised his top hat and smiled.

"Kazimierz!" The two shook hands. Maria relaxed, it was comforting to hear a Polish voice.

"Are you too tired to walk to the **apartment**?"

"Oh no! I can't wait to see Paris." Maria took her brother-in-law's arm.





"玛丽亚!"一位年轻的绅士举起了帽子向她微笑。

"卡基米尔兹!"他们握手寒喧。玛丽亚松了口气。 听到波兰口音,令她感到十分安慰。

"看你这么累,还有力气走到公寓吗?"

"哦!当然可以。我迫不及待要好好地看看巴黎!" 玛丽亚挽起了姐夫的手臂。

top hat 高筒丝质礼帽
relax [ri`læks] 动 放松

comforting [`kʌmfətiŋ] 形 令人安心的
Polish [`pouliʃ] 形 波兰的
apartment [ə`pɑ:tmənt] 名 公寓

Outside, the early autumn sun colored the tree-lined avenues. Soon she smelled baking bread and hot coffee. Wagons and carts rumbled by. Factory workers hurried past. "Here we are, Maria. Our apartment is on the second floor." Sighing with happiness, Maria followed Kazimierz up the stairs.



"I must enrol today," she announced firmly at breakfast the next morning. Kazimierz laughed at her eagerness.

Later that afternoon Maria

stood outside the Sorbonne. She watched as students hurried by, talking quickly to each other, and noticed that there were only a few women.

车站外,在初秋的太阳照耀下,绿树苍苍的街道闪着光采。她一下子便闻到刚出炉的面包及热咖啡的香味。运货马车从身旁辘辘地驶过,工厂工人们也急忙地赶去上工。"到了!玛丽亚!我们的公寓就在二楼。"玛丽亚愉快地轻呼了一声,跟着卡基米尔兹步上楼去。

第二天早上吃早餐的时候,玛丽亚神情坚定地宣布:"我今天一定要去注册!"卡基米尔兹看着她那热切渴望的神情笑出声来。当天下午,玛丽亚站在索邦大学外。她看见学生匆匆忙忙地从身边走过,彼此迅速地交谈着。她也注意到女学生就只有那么几个而已。





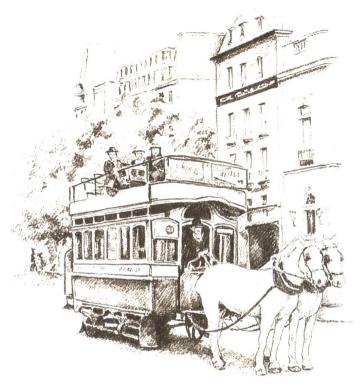


Taking a deep breath, Maria marched through the doors, found the **registrar** and began the business of enrolling at the university. At last, the registrar said, "Please **sign** here," and she wrote her new **French** name, "**Mademoiselle** Marie Sklodowska."

玛丽亚深吸了一口气,穿过门,找到了注册人员, 开始办理注册手续。终于,注册人员说:"请在这里签 名。"她签上了新取的法文名字:"玛丽·史克罗多斯卡 小姐"。

registrar [ˌredʒis`trɑ:] 名登记员
sign [sain] 动签名
French [frent]] 形法文的
Mademoiselle [ˌmædəmə`zel] 图小姐(法文)

Radishes for lunch



Each morning Marie had to make the hourlong **journey** to the Sorbonne on a horse-drawn **omnibus**. But she became tired of all this traveling and after six months she **rented** an **attic** room close to the Sorbonne.

寶內当年劉

每天早晨,玛丽要花上一个小时坐公共马车到索邦大学上课。她受不了如此疲累的交通往返,于是六个月后,她在索邦大学旁租了一个小阁楼。

journey [`dʒəːni] 图 行程,旅程 _omnibus [`ɔmnibəs] 图 公共马车 rent [rent] 励 租 attic [ˈætik] 图 阁楼