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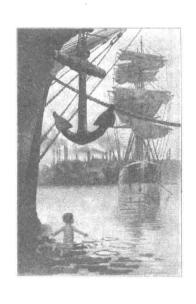


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THE STRAW, THE COAL, AND THE BEAN 稻草、木炭和蚕豆

BY THE BROTHERS GRIMM 格里姆兄弟

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Jakob Grimm (1785—1863) and Wilhelm Grimm (1786—1859): German authors. The Brothers Grimm, as they are familiarly called, wrote many learned scientific books, but they are best known to children by their collection of German fairy and folk stories.

雅各布·格里姆(1785—1863)及威廉·格里姆(1786—1859):德国作家。他们被亲切地称为格里姆兄弟,写过很多学术性科学书籍,但是对于孩子们而言,他们收集的德国童话和民间故事更广为人知。

课文

- 1. In a village lived a poor old woman, who had gathered some beans and wanted to cook them. So she made a fire on her **hearth**, and that it might burn more quickly, she lighted it with a handful of straw.
- 2. When she was emptying the beans into the pan, one dropped without her **observing** it and lay on the ground beside a straw. Soon afterwards a burning coal from the fire leaped down to the two.
 - 3. Then the straw said: "Dear friends, whence do you come here?"

The coal replied: "I fortunately sprang out of the fire. If I had not escaped by main force my death would have been certain. I should have

been burned to ashes."

4. The bean said: "I, too, have escaped with a whole skin. But if the old woman had got me into the pan, I, like my comrades, should have been made into broth without any mercy."

"And would a better fate have fallen to my **lot**?" said the straw. "The old woman has destroyed all my **brethren** in fire and smoke; she seized sixty of them at once and took their lives. I luckily slipped through her fingers."

5. "But what are we to do now?" asked the coal.

"I think," answered the bean, "that as we have so fortunately escaped death, we should keep together like good companions. Lest a new **mischance** should overtake us here, let us go away to a foreign country."

6. This plan pleased the two others, and they set out on their way together. Soon, however, they came to a little brook, and, as there was no bridge, they did not know how they were to get over.

At last the straw said: "I will lay myself across, and then you can walk over on me as on a bridge."

- 7. The straw, therefore, stretched herself from one bank to the other, and the coal, who was of an **impetuous** nature, tripped forward quite boldly on the newly built bridge. But when she reached the middle and heard the water rushing beneath her, she was, after all, frightened, and stood still.
- 8. The straw then began to burn, broke in two pieces, and fell into the stream. The coal **slipped** after her, hissed when she sank into the water, and breathed her last.

The bean, who had prudently stayed behind on the shore, could not

with a whole skin 安然无恙,平安无事 lot n. 命运 brethren n. 兄弟们 mischance n. 不幸,灾难 impetuous *adj.* 冲动的 slip v. 滑,滑脱 prudently *adv.* 谨慎地,慎重地 help laughing at these events, and laughed so heartily that she burst.

9. It would have been all over with her also, if, by good fortune, a tailor who was traveling in search of work had not sat down to rest by the brook. Pitying the poor bean, he pulled out his needle and thread and sewed her together. She thanked him prettily, but, as the tailor used



black thread, beans since then have a black seam.

译文

- 1. 在一个村庄里,住着一个贫穷的老妇人,她摘了一些蚕豆, 打算煮熟来吃。于是她在灶台里生了火,为了让火烧得更旺一点, 她抓起一把稻草放了进去。
- 2. 当她把蚕豆倒入平底锅时,其中一个蚕豆趁她不注意,溜了出来,掉在地上的稻草旁边。之后不久,一块燃烧着的木炭从火里跳了出来,也掉落在他们身旁。
- 3. 这时,稻草说道:"亲爱的朋友们,你们都来自哪里啊?" 木炭回答:"我幸运地从火中跳了出来。如果我没有从大部队中 逃脱出来,肯定就没命啦。我现在应该已经被烧成灰烬了。"
- 4. 蚕豆说:"我也是安然无恙地逃脱出来的。但是如果老妇人 把我也放进平底锅,我就会像我的同志们一样,被无情地炖成肉 汤了。"
 - "我的命运能好到哪里去呢?"稻草说。"老妇人将我所有的兄

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弟放入火中,烧成了烟灰。她一抓就是六十个,要了他们的性命。 我很幸运地从她的指间溜了出来。"

5. "那么我们现在该做些什么呢?" 木炭问道。

"我认为,"蚕豆回答,"既然我们都非常幸运地逃脱了死神的魔爪,我们应该像好伙伴那样团结起来。为避免新的不幸降临到我们的头上,让我们一起逃到国外去吧。"

6. 其他二位对此计划拍手称赞,于是他们就一起踏上了征程。 然而很快,他们遇到了一条小溪,溪流上没有任何桥梁,他们一筹 莫展,不知该如何通过。

最后稻草说:"我把身体横跨在小溪上,这样你们就可以从我身上走过去,就像过桥一样。"

- 7. 于是,稻草就舒展身体,从河岸这边延伸到那边,此时生性冲动的木炭,向前小跑,相当大胆地走上刚刚搭好的桥。可是,当她到达中间的时候,听到河水在身下哗哗地流过,毕竟还是害怕了,站住不敢动。
- 8. 稻草开始燃烧, 裂成两段, 随后掉入河中。木炭跟着滑倒, 也掉入河中, 一边还嘶嘶地哭喊着, 咽下了最后一口气。

刚才还谨慎地待在岸上的蚕豆,看到这样的情况,终于忍不住大笑了起来,她笑得如此痛快,最后终于爆裂了。

9. 蚕豆的故事本应该就此完结,然而幸运的是,有一个裁缝在四处找工作的时候路过此地,刚好在溪边坐下休息。看到可怜的蚕豆,他拿出针线,将裂口缝合了起来。蚕豆千恩万谢,然而,由于裁缝用的是黑线,蚕豆从此拥有一个黑色的接缝。

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SEPTEMBER 九月

BY HELEN HUNT JACKSON 海伦・亨特・杰克逊

伊鲁姆分

Helen Fiske Hunt Jackson (1831—1885): An American poet and prose author of much merit, whose writings appeared under the pen name of "H. H." Among her books are "Bits of Travel," "A Century of Dishonor," and "Ramona."

海伦·菲斯克·亨特·杰克逊 (1831—1885):美国著名诗人及 散文家,常用笔名"H.H.",代表作有《旅行札记》《世纪的耻辱》和 《蕾蒙娜》。



- The golden-rod is yellow;
 The corn is turning brown;
 The trees in apple orchards
 With fruit are bending down.
- The gentian's bluest fringes
 Are curling in the sun;
 In dusky pods the milkweed

rod *n*. 枝条 gentian *n*. 龙胆属的植物,龙胆根 fringe *n*. 穗 curl *v*. 卷曲

dusky *adj.* 微暗的 pod *n.* 豆荚 milkweed *n.* 乳草属植物 Its hidden silk has spun.

- The sedges flaunt their harvest In every meadow-nook;
 And asters by the brookside Make asters in the brook.
- 4. From dewy lanes at morning The grapes' sweet odors rise; At noon the roads all flutter With yellow butterflies.
- By all these lovely tokens
 September days are here,
 With summer's best of weather,
 And autumn's best of cheer.



1. 金色的枝条黄了; 玉米变成棕色了; 苹果园里的果树 果实累累弯了腰。

spin v. 旋转 (过去分词是spun)

sedge n. 莎草

flaunt v. 炫耀

meadow n. 草地

nook n. 角落

aster n. 紫菀属植物

dewy adj. 露湿的

lane n. 小巷

odor n. 气味

flutter v. 鼓翼

token n. 表征,记号