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导读

托马斯·莫尔是欧洲文艺复兴时期英国杰出的人文主义者,1478年出 生于伦敦一个富裕的家庭。因他父亲当时任皇家高等法院的法官,托马斯 • 莫尔在幼年时就被送进安东尼学校,很好地学会了拉丁文。1492年,莫尔 进入牛津大学,此间,他阅读并翻译了意大利人文主义者米兰多拉伯爵皮科 的著作。1494年,他转攻法律,成为当时有名的律师,同时,他在文学方面也 取得了很大的成就。1518—1529年间,莫尔一直从事国务活动,最后因为宗 教问题,于1535年7月7日被判处死刑。莫尔于1516年写成《乌托邦》,本 书原文共分为两部分。在第一部分里面,莫尔详细地描述了他所处的那个 时代——资本原始积累初期"羊吃人"的状况,猛烈抨击了英国政治和社会 的种种黑暗,但因文中的人名、地名和一些专有名词都是虚构的,所以没人 能够拿他问罪。作为和第一部分的对比,他在第二部分中描绘了理想的乌 托邦世界,这也是作者对完美社会的构想,其主要内容包括:财产公有、生产 劳动、务农为本、城市规划、卫生健康和学术研究等六部分。这些内容表明 了莫尔在当时进步的社会政治思想。虽然莫尔的种种构想只是容想,但他 却成为空想社会主义的第一人,他的社会主义思想是前所未有的,对以后马 克思的社会主义著作和社会主义理论也产生了一定的影响。

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HENRY VIII, the unconquered King of England, a prince adorned with all the virtues that become a great monarch, having some differences of no small consequence with Charles, the most serene Prince of Castile, sent me into Flanders, as his ambassador, for treating and composing matters between them. I was colleague and companion to that incomparable man Cuthbert Tonstal, whom the King with such universal applause lately made Master of the Rolls, but of whom I will say nothing; not because I fear that the testimony of a friend will be suspected, but rather because his learning and virtues are too great for me to do them justice, and so well known that they need not my commendations unless I according to the proverb, would. 'Show the sun with a lanthorn.' Those that were appointed by the Prince to

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亨利八世这位不曾打讨 败仗的英国国王,由于具备多 种优良的美德而由王子成为 伟大的国王,在一些并非无关 紧要的问题上与查理,最为尊 贵的卡斯提尔国王发生了争 执,于是把我作为他的大使派 到法兰德斯,为的是讨论并解 决他们之间的问题。作为我 的同伴,与我一起去的是那位 无与伦比的卡思伯特·滕斯 托尔,新近一件值得大家为他 喝彩的事情就是,他被国王任 命为案卷法官,但对于他,我 并不想多说什么;并不是因为 我害怕一个朋友的证词会受 到别人的怀疑,确切地说是因 为他的博学和美德都太出众 了,我不能给予恰当的赞美, 并且,他是如此出名,根本不 需要我的赞美,除非我打算像 一条谚语所说的那样,"打着 treat with us, met us at Bruges, according to agreement; they were all worthy men. The Margrave of Bruges was their head, and the chief man among them; but he that was esteemed the wisest, and that spoke for the rest, was George Temse, the Provost of Casselsee; both art and nature had concurred to make him eloquent: he was very learned in the law; and as he had a great capacity, so by a long practice in affairs he was very dexterous at unravelling them.

After we had several times met without coming to an agreement, they went
to Brussels for some days to know the
Prince's pleasure. And since our business would admit it, I went to Antwerp. While I was there, among many
that visited me, there was one that was
more acceptable to me than any other,
Peter Giles, born at Antwerp, who is a
man of great honor, and of a good rank
in his town, though less than he de-

灯笼照耀太阳。"那些受到国 王任命前来接待我们的官员 按照事先的安排,在布鲁日和 我们见了面:他们都是显贵的 人。布鲁日市长是他们的头 领,也是他们中间最重要的人 物:可是,他们中被尊为最聪 明的人、作为总发言人身份出 现的却是乔治・坦西斯,加塞 尔城的教会长:修养和天赋都 让他变得极为雄辩,他在法律 方面也很博学;除此之外,他 还具有较强的能力,经过长期 的事务谈判以后,他仍然能很 老练地不让问题得以顺利解 决。

在我们经过几次会面,又没有达成协议之后,他们就到布鲁赛尔去了几天,以便听取他们国王的意向。而我们也因为有事要办,就去了安特卫普。我在那里的时候,在众多拜访我的人中间,有一个人与其他人相比更容易被我受,那就是彼得·贾尔斯,他就在安特卫普出生,是一个具有很高荣誉的人物,而且还有很高

serves; for I do not know if there be anywhere to be found a more learned and a better bred young man; for as he is both a very worthy and a very knowing person, so he is so civil to all men, so particularly kind to his friends, and so full of candor and affection, that there is not perhaps above one or two anywhere to be found that are in all respects so perfect a friend. He is extraordinarily modest, there is no artifice in him; and yet no man has more of a prudent simplicity: his conversation was so pleasant and so innocently cheerful, that his company in a great measure lessened any longings to go back to my country, and to my wife and children, which an absence of four months had quickened very much. One day as I was returning home from mass at St. Mary's, which is the chief church, and the most frequented of any in Antwerp, I saw him by accident talking with a stranger, who seemed past the flower of his age; his face was tanned, he had a long beard, and his cloak was hanging carelessly about

的地位,然而,他所应得到的 还不止这些: 因为我不知道在 哪里还能够找到一个比他更 博学、受到更好教育的年轻 人:他天生就是一个很值得尊 敬、又非常聪明的人,而日他 对每一个人都很礼貌,对他的 朋友都特别善良,胸怀坦率, 充满了友爱,所以就很有可能 不管在哪里都找不到一位在 各方面都如此完美的朋友。 他非同一般地谦虚,在他身上 没有一点做作;可是,没有人 比他更小心谨慎更单纯了:他 的谈话如此令人愉悦,有如此 纯粹的快乐,所以,有他做伴, 在很大程度上削弱了我打算 回到自己国家、回到妻子和孩 子身边的愿望,已经离开他们 四个月了,这种思念变得十分 强烈。一天,我在圣母教堂礼 拜之后(那是重要的教堂,在 安特卫普是所有教堂中最为 拥挤的),在回家的路上,偶然 间看到他和一个陌生人在说 话,那人看上去已经过了他的 壮年阶段;他的脸皮晒得发

every good man ought to propose to himself in living; for your friend Plato thinks that nations will be happy, when either philosophers become kings or kings become philosophers, it is no wonder if we are so far from that happiness, while philosophers will not think it their duty to assist kings with their councils.

'They are not so base - minded,' said he, 'but that they would willingly do it: many of them have already done it by their books, if those that are in power would but hearken to their good advice.' But Plato judged right, that except kings themselves became philosophers, they who from their childhood are corrupted with false notions would never fall in entirely with the councils of philosophers, and this he himself found to be true in the person of Dionysius.

'Do not you think that if I were about any king, proposing good laws to him, and endeavoring to root out all the cursed seeds of evil that I found in 中最重要的责任;你的朋友柏 拉图认为,一切国家想要过得 幸福,只有让哲学家变成国 王,或者让国王变成哲学家, 无疑,我们离那种幸福生活还 很远很远,因为哲学家们根本 没有想过自己的职责,没有想 过要用他们的建议来辅助国 王。"

"他们并不是因为思想顽固,"他说,"才不乐意做这些事:他们中间的大部分人已,如果那些自己写的书这样做了,如果那些当权者能够听信他身为的建议就好了。但是,如此这个人,但是是他们是是他们是是他们是是他们是是他的重要。他们是是他自己在和代表的过程中总结出来的真理。

"如果我向某个国王提出 良好的建议,并冒险根除我在 他身上所发现的毒素,难道你 不认为,我马上就会被他从宫 philosopher. This Raphael, who from his family carriesthe name of Hythloday, is not ignorant of the Latin tongue, but is eminently learned in the Greek, having applied himself more particularly to that than to the former, because he had given himself much to philosophy, in which he knew that the Romans have left us nothing that is valuable, except what is to be found in Seneca and Cicero. He is a Portuguese by birth, and was so desirous of seeing the world that he divided his estate among his brothers, ran the same hazard as Americus Vespucius, and bore a share in three of his four voyages, that are now published; only he did not return with him in his last, but obtained leave of him almost by force, that he might be one of those twenty four who were left at the farthest place at which they touched, in their last voyage to New Castile. The leaving him thus did not a little gratify one that was more fond of travelling than of returning home to be buried in his own country; for he used often to say that

旅行家,或者作为一个哲学 家。这位拉斐尔——他的家 族传下来的姓氏为希斯拉 德——精通拉丁文,不过他的 希腊文也学得异常地好,他对 这种语言的研究比对前一种 还更为深入一些,因为他曾全 身心投入到哲学里面,从那 里,他得知罗马人没有留给我 们一点有价值的东西,除了辛 尼加和西塞罗的部分文章以 外。他是一个葡萄牙人,他很 热切地希望了解整个世界,所 以,就把他的财富分给了各位 兄弟,然后与亚美利哥·韦斯 浦契等人一起去冒险,在韦斯 浦契的四次航行中他与之同 行出去了三次,关于这几次出 行的游记目前已经发行了:只 是在最后一次出行时,他并没 有回来,而是通过武力得以留 了下来,于是,他就成为那二 十四名人员中的一员,一起留 在了他们曾经到达的最远的 地方,最后一次出海,他们去 了新卡斯塔尔。这次让他留 下来,确实让他感到很满足,

the way to heaven was the same from all places; and he that had no grave had the heaven still over him. Yet this disposition of mind had cost him dear, if God had not been very gracious to him; for after he, with five Castilians, had travelled over many countries, at last, by strange good – fortune, he got to Ceylon, and from thence to Calicut, where he very happily found some Portuguese ships, and, beyond all men's expectations, returned to his native country.'

When Peter had said this to me, I thanked him for his kindness, in intending to give me the acquaintance of a man whose conversation he knew would be so acceptable; and upon that Raphael and I embraced each other. After those civilities were passed which are usual with strangers upon their first meeting, we all went tomy house, and entering into the garden, sat down on a

因为他是一个喜欢旅行而不 原音回到家乡 最终被埋葬在 自己国家里的人:他常说这样 的话'各个地方通往天堂的路 都是一样的':还有'即使没有 坟墓,上天也会把他掩埋'。 然而,这种想法让他付出了昂 贵的代价,如果不是上天对他 非常仁慈的话:因为在那之 后,他与五个卡斯塔尔人一起 游历了许多国家,最后,一个 意外的好机会让他回到了锡 兰,又从那里到了卡利卡特, 在卡利卡特他很幸运地碰到 几条葡萄牙船,所以,出乎所 有人的意料,他又回到了自己 的祖国。"

彼得向我说过这些以后, 我对他的好心表示了感谢,他 打算介绍我与那人认识,他知 道我肯定乐意与他谈话;出于 这个原因,我与拉斐尔彼此拥 抱了对方。在说过一些与陌 生人初次见面通常要说的客 气话之后,我们一起去了我住 的地方,在花园里的一张绿色 长凳上坐了下来,彼此间就开 green bank, and entertained one another in discourse. He told us that when Vespucius had sailed away, he and his companions that staved behind in New Castile, by degrees insinuated themselves into the affections of the people of the country, meeting often with them, and treating them gently: and at last they not only lived among them without danger, but conversed familiarly with them; and got so far into the heart of a prince, whose name and country I have forgot, that he both furnished them plentifully with all things necessary, and also with the conveniences of travelling; both boats when they went by water, and wagons when they travelled over land; he sent with them a very faithful guide, who was to introduce and recommend them to such other princes as they had a mind to see: and after many days' journey, they came to towns and cities, and to commonwealths, that were both happily governed and well - peopled. Under the equator, and as far on both sides of it as the sun moves, there lay vast des-

始谈话。他对我们说, 当韦斯 浦契离开以后,他与他那些留 在新卡斯塔尔的同伴们由于 经常和当地的人见面,对待他 们也很和善,就慢慢地获得了 那个国家人民的好感,到最 后,他们不但丝毫没有危险地 生活在他们中间,而且还能亲 密地与他们进行交流:并目深 入到了一位国家领导人的内 心,他的名字和国家我都忘掉 了,他为他们准备了充足的必 需品,提供了旅行时的各种便 利:他们走水路时他为他们提 供船只,他们在陆地上行走时 他则为他们提供马车:他还为 他们派了一位非常忠实的向 导,当他们打算拜见某一位领 导人时,他会为他们作介绍, 而目向对方推荐:在许多天的 旅行中,他们到讨许多乡镇和 城市,也到过许多统治良好、 发展也相当繁荣的共和国。 在赤道的下面,以及在太阳移 动范围内的赤道的两边,有着 广阔的沙漠,到处都因为太阳 持续不断的照射而十分炎热;

erts that were parched with the perpetual heat of the sun; the soil was withered, all things looked dismally, and all places were either quite uninhabited, or abounded with wild beasts and serpents, and some few men that were neither less wild nor less cruel than the beasts themselves.

But as they went farther, a new scene opened, all things grew milder, the air less burning, the soil more verdant, and even the beasts were less wild: and at last there were nations, towns, and cities, that had not only mutual commerce among themselves. and with their neighbors, but traded both by sea and land, to very remote countries. There they found the conveniences of seeing many countries on all hands, for no ship went any voyage into which he and his companions were not very welcome. The first vessels that they saw were flat - bottomed, their sails were made of reeds and wicker woven close together, only some were of leather; but afterward they found ships made with round keels

土地干裂,所有的景物看起来都很阴郁,所有的地方都人迹罕至,住满了野兽和毒蛇,即便也住着一些人,但他们自身的野蛮和残忍程度与野兽相比一点也不弱。

但是,再往前走,他们眼 前就出现了新的场景,所有的 事物都变得更为温和,空气不 再炽热,土地也变得翠绿,甚 至连野兽也不那么野蛮了:最 后就出现了国家、乡镇和城 市。它们不仅在自己中间和 与邻居之间有着商业贸易,而 且还通过海路和陆路,与较远 的国家进行贸易。他们在那 里有很多便利机会,可以访问 各个地区的许多国家,不管哪 一只轮船出海,他和他的同伴 们要乘坐,都会受到欢迎。第 一次航行时,他们看到的船是 平底,船上的帆是用苇叶或柳 条编织成的,也有一部分船的 帆是皮革制成的;但再到后 来,他们又发现了有圆龙骨和 and canvas sails, and in all respects like our ships; and the seamen understood both astronomy and navigation. He got wonderfully into their favor, by showing them the use of the needle, of which till then they were utterly ignorant. They sailed before with great caution, and only in summer - time. but now they count all seasons alike. trusting wholly to the loadstone, in which they are perhaps more secure than safe; so that there is reason to fear that this discovery, which was thought would prove so much to their advantage, may by their imprudence become an occasion of much mischief to them. But it were too long to dwell on all that he told us he had observed in every place, it would be too great a digression from our present purpose: whatever is necessary to be told, concerning those wise and prudent institutions which he observed among civilized nations, may perhaps be related by us on a more proper occasion. We asked him many questions concerning all these things, to which he answered

帆布船帆的轮船,这在各个方 面就和我们的船很相似了:那 些海员们都了解天文和航海 知识。他向他们展示了指南 针的用涂,因而得到了他们特 别的厚爱,在那之前,他们对 此一点也不知道。他们以前 出海航行都非常小心,而且只 在夏季出海,但是现在,他们 在各个季节都能出海,完全依 靠这块磁铁,这样一来,他们 就过于自信,反而招致危险; 所以有理由为这项发明表示 担心,原本以为这项发明会给 他们带来很多好处,但也可能 会因为他们的大意,在某一个 时刻,对他们造成巨大的伤 害。但是,要一一说出他对我 们讲的在每一个地方所观察 到的东西,需要太长的时间, 也远远偏离我们要讲的主题: 凡是有必要讲述的东西,有关 他在文明国度里所看到的那 些聪明而谨慎的机构,在比较 恰当的时候,我们会向各位提 到。我们向他提了很多问题, 都是与这些事情有关的,对 very willingly; only we made no inquiries after monsters, than which nothing is more common; for everywhere one may hear of ravenous dogs and wolves, and cruel man – eaters; but it is not so easy to find States that are well and wisely governed.

As he told us of many things that were amiss in those new - discovered countries, so he reckoned up not a few things from which patterns might be taken for correcting the errors of these nations among whom we live: of which an account may be given, as I have already promised, at some other time; for at present I intend only to relate those particulars that he told us of the manners and laws of the Utopians; but I will begin with the occasion that led us to speak of that commonwealth. After Raphael had discoursed with great judgment on the many errors that were both among us and these nations; had treated of the wise institutions both here and there, and had spoken as dis此,他非常乐意进行回答;只是,我们对一些怪事并不打听,因为它们都是非常常见的;在每一个地方,人们都能听到关于贪婪的狗和狼群,以及残忍的食人者的故事;但是,像这样很合理、很明智地进行统治的政府还真是不多见。

他还对我们说了很多那 些新发现的国家里不正确的 事情,他还指出了一些细节, 在我们所生活的国家,完全可 以采用这些模式来改正错误: 就像我刚刚说过的那样,在适 当的时候,我会对这一点的理 由做出解释的;至于现在,我 只想提一提他对我们讲的乌 托邦社会的风俗和法律,对一 些细节加以阐述:但是,在开 始的时候,我得引用一些他对 我们说的关于那个共和国的 一些话。在拉斐尔以很强的 判断力讨论过我们和这些国 家的许多错误之后,在他评论 过各处十分明智的政府,而且 很清楚地、就好像他曾在那里 tinctly of the customs and government of every nation through which he had passed, as if he had spent his whole life in it, Peter, being struck with admiration, said:

'I wonder, Raphael, how it comes that you enter into no king's service, for I am sure there are none to whom you would not be very acceptable: for your learning and knowledge both of men and things, are such that you would not only entertain them very pleasantly, but be of great use to them, by the examples you could set before them and the advices you could give them; and by this means you would both serve your own interest and be of great use to all your friends.

'I need not be much concerned, having already done for them all that was incumbent on me; for when I was not only in good health, but fresh and young, I distributed that among my kindred and friends which other people do not part with till they are old and sick, when they then unwillingly give

度过了一生似地说明了他所 经过的每一个国家的风俗习 惯之后,彼得对他大为崇拜, 就说道:

"我真纳闷,拉斐尔,你为什么不去为某一个国王服务呢?因为我相信,不管对哪一个国王来说,你都会受到极大的欢迎:你的博学以及你事物的广泛知识,不仅能让他们很有知处,你可以在他们提建议;而且对他们提建议;而但们提建议;而且对你所有的朋友也不会很有用处。"

"至于我的朋友们,"他答 道,"我不必操太多的心,因为 我已经尽到了我应尽的全部 义务;因为当时,我不仅身体 健康,而且年轻,精力充沛,我 把财富分给了所有的亲人和 朋友,而如果换了别人,只有 在自己很老并且生病的时候, 才愿意将这些与他人分享,那 that which they can enjoy no longer themselves. I think my friends ought to rest contented with this, and not to expect that for their sake I should enslave myself to any king whatsoever.

'Soft and fair,' said Peter, 'I do not mean that you should be a slave to any king, but only that you should assist them, and be useful to them.'

'The change of the word, 'said he, 'does not alter the matter.'

'But term it as you will,' replied Peter, 'I do not see any other way in which you can be so useful, both in private to your friends, and to the public, and by which you can make your own condition happier.'

'Happier!' answered Raphael; 'is that to be compassed in a way so abhorrent to my genius? Now I live as I will, to which I believe few courtiers can pretend. And there are so many that court the favor of great men, that 时候,虽然他们仍不愿意放弃,但自己实在不能够享受了。我认为,我的朋友们应该对此感到相当满意,不管怎么样,都不要指望我为了他们的原因而束缚我自己,去侍奉某一个国王。"

"动听又漂亮,"彼得说, "我并不是说你应该成为国王 的奴隶,而是说你应该去帮助 他们,对他们变得有用。"

"只是换个说法而已,"他 说道,"并没有改变事情的本 质。"

"随便你怎么说吧,"彼得 回答说,"我看不出来,你通过 其他哪种途径会变得如此有 用,不管对你个人,对你的朋 友,还是对大众来说,而且那 样也会让你的生活更加幸 福。"

"更加幸福!"拉斐尔回答;"就是说用一种我自己感觉最为恶心的办法达到目的吗?现在,我按照自己的意志生活,这一点,我相信很少有朝臣能够做得到。而且,有那

there will be no great loss if they are not troubled either with me or with others of my temper. '

Upon this, said I: 'I perceive, Raphael, that you neither desire wealth nor greatness; and indeed I value and admire such a man much more than I do any of the great men in the world. Yet I think vouwould do what would well become so generous and philosophical a soul as yours is, if you would apply your time and thoughts to public affairs, even though you may happen to find it a little uneasy to yourself: and this you can never do with so much advantage, as by being taken into the counsel of some great prince, and putting him on noble and worthy actions, which I know you would do if you were in such a post; for the springs both of good and evil flow from the prince, over a whole nation, as from a lasting fountain. So much learning as you have, even without practice in affairs, or so great a practice as you have had, without any

么多朝臣去巴结伟大人物,所以,即使没有我或者像我这一 类人的辅佐,他们也不会有太 大的损失。"

听到这话,我说道:"我明 白,拉斐尔,你是一个不渴求 财富和地位的人;事实上,我 尊重而日崇拜这样的人,甚至 超过我对世界上那些伟大人 物的尊重。然而我认为,要是 你愿意花些时间和思想关心 公共事务,尽管有时候你会发 现那对你有些不利,但做这些 事情才完全适合你那慷慨而 富有哲理的心灵:而这一点, 你假如不占据有利的地位,作 为某个伟大君王的参谋者,引 导着他做些尊贵而有价值的 事情(假如你真处于这样的地 位,我相信你一定能做到),就 无法实现:因为无论善良还是 邪恶的源泉,都是从国王那里 喷射而出,淹没整个国家,就 像来自永不停息的泉眼一样。 尽管你有博学的知识,却在实 际事务方面没有经验,或者你 已经做过了伟大的事情,却没