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内 容 简 介

本书的主人公叫克林特·马吉，书中叙述他为美国西部的白人和印第安人之间的团结和友好所作的努力。

在美国西部一城镇，以莫尼为首的一帮白人匪徒，为了侵占印第安人的金矿区，制造事端，挑拨印第安人和当地白人的关系，破坏他们之间多年来和平安宁的生活。白人青年克林特·马吉挺身而出，揭穿了莫尼匪帮的阴谋，依靠当地居民和部队，协同印第安人一起击溃了莫尼匪帮，恢复了当地白人和印第安人友好相处的和平生活。

本书选自英国出版的简易读物，文字流畅，其中的语言难点加了汉语注释，并配有插图。可供高中一年级学生和同等英语程度的读者阅读。

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Chapter 1

The name's Morney, Shane Morney¹

'Someone's coming towards the building, Mr Morney. I think it's the sheriff²,' said the big man at the window. 'Shall I —?' He didn't finish his sentence, but laughed and pointed his gun out of the window.

'Don't shoot, Big Al³. Let him come. You know we've been expecting⁴ him.'

The sheriff came nearer and nearer the building, and Big Al noticed⁵ that he looked tired and pale⁶.

'How does he look, Big Al?' Morney asked.

'Scared, Mr Morney. Really scared, and pale — almost white,' Big Al laughed.

'Good!' Morney was sitting in an arm-

1. Shane Morney ['ʃeɪn 'mɔːni] 沙恩·莫尼 (人名)。

2. sheriff ['ʃerɪf] *n.* 郡长; 县的行政司法长官。 3. Big Al ['æɪl] 大艾尔 (人名)。

4. expect [ɪks'pekt] *vt.* 期待 (某人的来到); 想到。

5. notice ['nəʊtɪs] *vt.* 注意(到); 看到。

6. pale *adj.* 灰白的; 苍白的 (脸色等)

chair¹. Dressed in black² and with a clean white shirt, he looked quite different from the other men in the room. There was a quiet knock at the door,³ and Morney got up to open it. 'No need to knock,' he said.

'Sorry to trouble you boys⁴,' the sheriff said slowly.

'The name's Morney, Shane Morney,' said the man in black. 'We were expecting you.' He held out his hand. The sheriff was putting out his own hand when Morney hit him hard across the mouth⁵.

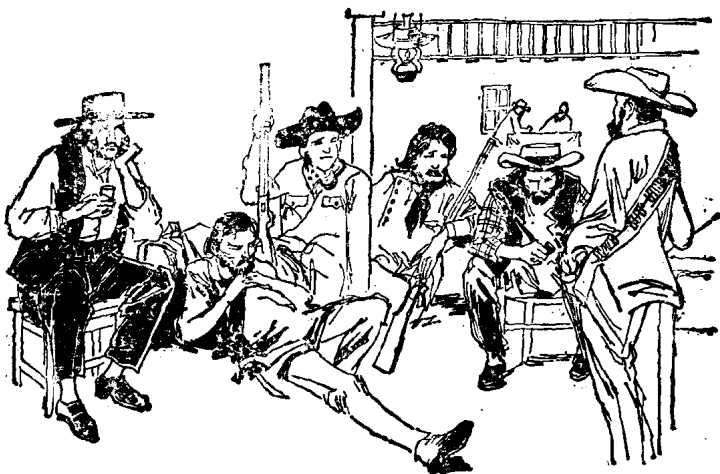
The sheriff reached for his gun⁶ and then changed his mind⁷.

'I'm glad you changed your mind, sheriff,' Big Al said. He touched his gun and laughed.

'Come in, sheriff,' Morney said. 'Welcome to the Cheyenne Hotel⁸.' The sheriff stepped

1. armchair ['ɑ:mtʃeə] *n.* 有扶手的椅子。 2. dressed in black 穿着黑衣服。 dress *vi.* 穿。 3. There was a quiet knock at the door, ... 有轻轻的敲门声。 quiet *adj.* 轻声的。 knock *n.* 敲门声; *vi.* 敲; 击。 4. boys 小伙子们。
5. hit him hard across the mouth 狠狠地打了他一嘴巴。
6. reached for his gun 伸手去拿他的枪。 7. changed his mind 改变他的主意。 8. the Cheyenne Hotel 斜阳旅馆, Cheyenne [ʃai'en] 斜阳河(在美国南达科他州西部),

inside¹ and looked round². There were a lot of men there. They were all watching and waiting.



The sheriff spoke slowly. 'The people of Boneita Springs³ have sent me here. They want me to tell you that you must leave this town. You're not welcome here. I think you've already given enough trouble. Now please leave. The people are all scared.'

'The sheriff isn't scared, is he?' Morney

1. stepped inside 走进去。step *vi.* 踏步; *n.* 一步; 台阶。

2. look round 向四周看了看。 3. Boneita Springs [bə'neita 'sprɪŋz] 波纳塔泉水(地名)。

said. 'We all know there's a good strong sheriff in Boneita.' Everyone laughed, and then Morney continued. 'We're going to stay here, sheriff. We're paying for our rooms, and we haven't done anything wrong. Have we, Chiquito?' Morney looked at a small dark man who was sitting on the floor. The man called Chiquito was playing with a sharp knife.

'What are you doing with that knife, Chiquito?' Morney asked.

'Picking my teeth,' Chiquito grinned³. The men laughed.

'Show the sheriff that we just want to be friendly.'

The knife suddenly flew out of Chiquito's hand and stuck in the door⁴ behind the sheriff. The knife almost touched his left ear, but he stood quite still⁵. He didn't even begin to reach for his gun this time. Big Al noticed

1. Chiquito [tʃi'kwitəu] 奇奎托(人名)。 2. Picking my teeth, ... 剔我的牙, 3. grin vi. 露齿而笑。 4. flew out of Chiquito's hand and stuck in the door 从奇奎托的手中飞出, 戳在门上。 5. stood quite still 站着一动不动。 still *adj. & adv.* 不动的(地); 寂静的(地)。

this and said, 'You're learning fast, sheriff.'

'Are you all right, sheriff?' Morney asked.

'What?' the sheriff asked. Fear² showed in his eyes.

'I asked, "Are you all right?" You look pale.'

'Oh, fine, fine,' the sheriff answered. He was watching Chiquito. Chiquito was laughing and playing with another knife. Suddenly the second knife flew into the door. It almost touched³ the sheriff's right ear.

'Doesn't he look pretty⁴?' Big Al cried.

'Like a picture on the door,' Morney said.

The sheriff stood there with his head between the two knives. Morney and his men were laughing at him. It was too much.⁵ Suddenly angry, he drew his gun⁶. There was a loud shot, then silence⁷. The men weren't

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1. Are you all right, sheriff? 郡长, 你行吗? 2. fear [fiə]
n. 害怕。 3. touch [tʌtʃ] vt. 触; 摸; 碰。 4. pretty
['prɪti] adj. 漂亮的, 美丽的。 5. It was too much. 这太过
分了。 6. drew his gun 拔出他的枪。 7. a loud shot,
then silence 一声枪响, 然后是一片寂静。 loud [laʊd] adj.
高声的, 响亮的。 shot n. 枪声。

laughing or smiling. The shot hadn't come from the sheriff's gun. The sheriff had hardly drawn his gun when Morney shot it out of his hand.¹ Smoke was coming out of Morney's gun. The sheriff was looking down at his empty hand. He didn't understand.

The silence continued for nearly a minute and then Morney politely asked the sheriff, 'Have you lost something?' At once the men began to laugh again, louder than before.

'Bad boy,²' Chiquito said. He was playing with another knife.

'And foolish³, too,' Big Al said, looking at his gun.

'What do you boys want?' the sheriff asked. He was clearly afraid.⁴

'Your co-operation,⁵ sheriff,' Morney said. 'There'll be no trouble in this town if you

1. The sheriff had hardly ... out of his hand. 郡长刚刚拔出枪, 莫尼就用枪把他(指郡长)的枪从他手中打掉。 2. Bad boy, ... 坏家伙, ... 3. foolish ['fu:liʃ] *adj.* 愚蠢的, 无聊的。 4. He was clearly afraid. 显然他害怕了。 5. Your co-operation, ... = We want your co-operation, ... co-operation [,kəʊəpə'reiʃən] *n.* 合作。

co-operate¹ with us.'

'What do you mean?' the sheriff asked.

'There's a big Indian Reserve² near Bon-eita,' Morney said. 'The Federal Government³ has given this land to the Indians. Now we know there's a lot of gold on the Reserve. So we want some for ourselves. That's why I asked you to co-operate. You don't have to do anything. We will persuade⁴ the Indians, but you won't "notice" anything. I'm sure we can easily persuade the Indians to give us some land.'

'But you can't do that!' the sheriff cried. 'That's Indian land. The Indians here are peaceful⁵ and friendly. They don't trouble us and we don't trouble them. We keep off their land⁶. Now the Federal Government won't be very pleased if —'

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1. co-operate ['kəu'əpəreit] *vi.* 合作。 2. the Indian Reserve ['indjən ri'zə:v] 印第安人专用地区。 3. the Federal Government ['fedərl 'gʌvnmənt] 联邦政府。 4. persuade [pə'sweɪd] *vt.* 劝说; 说服。 5. peaceful ['pi:sfʊl] *adj.* 和平的; 爱好和平的。 6. keep off their land 不接近他们的土地。

‘The Federal Government will never know anything about it, if you co-operate with us and keep quiet¹. If you don’t, my boys and I will shoot up this town². Tonight.’ The sheriff nodded thoughtfully³, and Morney smiled. ‘We *can* be peaceful, and perhaps there’ll be some gold there for the sheriff.’

‘No trouble, Morney. That’s all I want. Please.’

‘*Mr* Morney,’ Big Al said. ‘Be polite to Mr Morney.’⁴

Chapter 2

The Indian Reserve

The sheriff had agreed to co-operate, so Morney kept his promise⁵. The night was peaceful. Early next morning the gang⁶ got ready

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1. keep quiet 保持沉默(意思:不把真情说出去)。 2. shoot up this town (美俚)盲目放枪使城镇惊恐。 3. thoughtfully ['θɔ:fuli] *adv.* 深思地。 4. ‘*Mr* Morney,’ Big Al said. ‘Be polite to Mr Morney.’ ‘要说莫尼先生,’大艾尔说,‘对莫尼先生要有礼貌。’ 5. kept his promise 遵守他的诺言。 6. gang *n.* (歹徒等的)一帮;一伙。

to leave the Cheyenne Hotel. Old Ez, the hotel keeper, tried not to show his fear.¹ 'Are you gentlemen leaving, Mr Morney, sir?' he asked timidly². 'There's this small matter of the bill.'³ Twenty-five rooms, with meals.' There was great fear in the old man's eyes. His hand was shaking when he held out the bill for Morney to take.

'What's that?' Morney asked sharply.

'Er ... the ... er ... bill,'⁴ sir,' Old Ez whispered⁵.

'You keep it, old man,' Morney said. 'And you keep our rooms, too. We aren't leaving yet. We've got a lot of business here in Boneta Springs.'

'So be polite,' Big Al said.

'Always a pleasure to help you gentle-

1. Old Ez ... his fear. 旅馆老板老艾兹尽量不露出害怕的样子。
Old Ez 老艾兹(人名)。 the hotel keeper 旅馆老板。

2. timidly ['timidli] *adv.* 胆怯地。 3. There's ... the bill.
您看, 还有帐单这点小事。(there's 在这里用来引起注意。)

4. Er... the... er ... bill, ... 嗯…… 这…… 嗯…… 这帐单, ……

5. whisper ['wispə] *vi.* 低语; 耳语。

men,' Old Ez whispered.

'Have you fed the horses², old man?' Morney asked.

'Yes, and given them water,³ too, sir,' Old Ez answered.

'Good.' The Morney gang marched noisily out of the old building⁴ to get their horses.

The main street⁵ of Boneita Springs was empty. Every door was shut. Every window was shut. Every man, woman, and child in the town stayed safely inside. A few men looked timidly through windows. They saw twenty-five men on horseback⁶ in front of the Cheyenne Hotel. Morney was leading the gang. Big Al and Chiquito rode beside him. Morney drew his gun and pointed it towards the sky.

1. Always a pleasure to help you gentlemen, ... 能为先生们效劳, 对我总是件愉快的事, pleasure ['pleʒə] *n.* 愉快.
gentleman ['dʒentlmən] *n.* 绅士; (*pl.*) 先生, 阁下。 2. fed the horses 喂马, feed (fed, fed) *vt.* 喂(养); 饲(养)。 3. and given them water = and I've given them water 我还给它们饮了水。 4. The Morney gang ... the old building ... 莫尼匪帮大摇大摆地、闹闹哄哄地走出了这幢旧建筑物(指旅馆) noisily ['nɔɪzili] *adv.* 喧闹地。 5. the main street 大街。 main *adj.* 主要的。 6. on horseback 在马背上; 骑在马上。

The others did the same. Then all the men shouted wildly and fired shots into the air¹. Their horses galloped² down the main street and threw up clouds of dust³. The dust hung heavily in the air. Wild cries, shots, galloping horses, dust and gunsmoke⁴ went through the main street like a sudden storm⁵ — and then the town was quiet again.

The Morney gang took the north trail⁶ out of Boneita Springs towards Sulphur Creek⁷. The trail cut through a valley between small hills.⁸ They were in the Rocky Mountains⁹. To the west the land climbed steeply¹⁰ to the Black Hills¹¹. To the southwest¹² they saw the peaks of Mount Rushmore and Harney¹³, but

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1. fired shots into the air 对空射击。 2. gallop ['gæləp] vi. 骑马奔驰。 3. threw up clouds of dust 卷起阵阵尘土。 cloud [klaud] n. 云, 云状物。 4. gunsmoke ['gansməuk] n. 硝烟。 5. a sudden storm 一阵风暴。 6. trail n. 崎岖小道。 7. Sulphur Creek ['salfə 'kri:k] 硫磺湾(地名; 意译)。 8. The trail ... hills. 这条小道穿过一个山间峡谷。 valley ['væli] n. 山谷; 溪谷。 9. the Rocky Mountains 落基山脉(在北美洲西部)。 10. steeply ['sti:pli] adv. 险峻地, 陡峭地。 11. the Black Hills 黑山(山名; 意译)。 12. to the southwest 在西南面。 13. the peaks of Mount Rushmore ['rʌʃmə:] and Harney ['hɑ:ni] 拉什莫尔峰和哈尼峰。

here the hills were not so steep. The trail was clear and the men rode easily and well. They rode for about two hours and then they stopped to give the horses a rest. Morney sat under a tree and Big Al sat beside him.

‘Are you going to deal with the Indians’, Mr Morney?’ Big Al asked.

‘Of course,’ Morney answered.

‘How are you going to deal with them?’

‘Gentle persuasion,’ Morney laughed.

‘Gentle persuasion? Like the sheriff!’ Big Al grinned.

‘Like always,’ Morney said. ‘The Indians’ll be a little scared, that’s all⁵. Don’t forget, there are Federal troops at Fort Meade⁶, and we don’t want troops in this⁷.’

They reached Sulphur Creek and crossed it. The Indian Reserve was on the other side. When they crossed the creek, they noticed a large sign⁸; it had two words: INDIAN RESERVE.

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1. to deal with the Indians 和印第安人打交道。 2. gentle persuasion 温和的劝说。 3. Like the sheriff! 象对郡长那样!
4. like always 和往常一样。 5. that's all 这点就够了。
6. Fort Meade ['fo:t 'mi:d] 米德要塞(地名)。 7. in this 在这次买卖里。
8. sign [sain] n. 路标; 记号。