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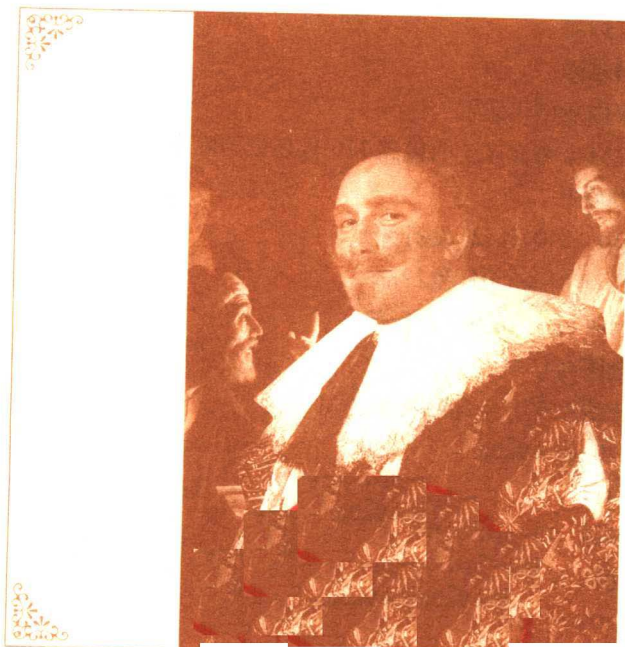
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## 译 序

《傲慢与偏见》是简·奥斯丁的代表作，也是奥斯丁作品中最受欢迎的一部长篇小说。这部作品以日常生活为素材，一反当时社会上流行的感伤小说的内容和矫揉造作的写作方法，生动地反映了18世纪末到19世纪初处于保守和闭塞状态下的英国乡镇生活和世态人情。这部社会风情画式的小说不仅在当时吸引着广大的读者，时至今日，仍给读者以独特的艺术享受。

简·奥斯丁(1775—1817)，是英国女小说家，生于牧师家庭，没有进过正规学校，在家靠父兄指导学习，终身未婚，她生活阅历比较窄狭，但喜爱创作，写有《理智与情感》、《傲慢与偏见》、《曼斯菲尔德庄园》、《爱玛》、《诺桑觉寺》、《劝导》等六部小说，主要描写中产阶级的日常生活情况，她是第一个现实地描绘日常平凡生活中平凡人物的小说家，在英国小说史上起了承上启下的作用。

奥斯丁在这部小说中通过贝内特五个女儿对终身大事的不同处理，表现出乡镇中产阶级家庭出身的少女对婚姻爱情问题的不同态度，从而反映了作者本人的婚姻观：为了财产、金钱和地位而结婚是错误的；而结婚不考虑上述因素也是愚蠢的。因此，她既反对为金钱而结婚，也反对把婚姻当儿戏。她强调理想婚姻的重要性，并把男女双方感情作为缔结理想婚姻的基石。

书中的女主人公伊丽莎白出身于小地主家庭，为富豪子弟达西所热爱。达西不顾门第和财富的差距，向她求婚，却遭到拒绝。伊丽莎白对他的误会和偏见是一个原因，但主要的是她讨厌他的傲慢。因为达西的这种傲慢实际上是地位差异的反映。只要存在这种傲慢，他与伊丽莎白之间就不可能有共同的思想感情，也不可能有理想的婚姻。以后伊丽莎白亲眼目睹了达西的为人处世和一系列所作所为，特别是看到他改变了过去那种骄傲自负的神态，这才消除了对他的误会和偏见，从而与他缔结了美满姻缘。伊丽莎白对达西先后几次求婚的不同态度，实际上反映了女性对人格独立和平等权利的追求。

从小说看，伊丽莎白聪敏机智，有胆识，有远见，有很强的自尊心，并善于思考问题。就当时一个待字闺中的小姐来讲，这是难能可贵的。正是由于这种品质，才使她在爱情问题上有独立的主见，并使她与达西组成美满的家庭。

女主人公伊丽莎白和达西的婚姻是作者颂扬的“为天下有情人树立一个榜样”的幸福婚姻。与此相反，伊丽莎白的好友夏洛特和柯林斯牧师尽管婚后过着舒适的物质生活，但他们之间没有爱情，这种婚姻实际上是掩盖在华丽外衣下的社会悲剧。

奥斯丁善于在日常平凡事物中塑造出鲜明的人物形象，不论是伊丽莎白、达西那种作者认为值得肯定的人物，还是威克姆、柯林斯这类遭讽刺挖苦的对象，作者均描写得真实动人，刻画得入木三分。

同时，她的语言经过了反复锤炼，在对话艺术上讲究幽默、讽刺，常以风趣诙谐的语言烘托人物的性格特征，含意丰富，耐人寻味。

英国文艺批评家安·塞·布雷德利指出：“简·奥斯丁有两个明显的倾向，她是一个道德家和一个幽默家，这两个倾向经常搀混在一起，甚至是完全融合的。”也就是说，她在小说中运用喜剧的手法表达对生活的严肃批评，这正是本部作品的闪光点。

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# VOLUME I

## 第一卷

### Chapter I

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.

However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered as the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.

"My dear Mr. Bennet," said his lady to him one day, "have you heard that Netherfield Park is let at last?"

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

"But it is," returned she, "for Mrs. Long has just been here, and she told me all about it."

Mr. Bennet made no answer.

"Do not you want to know who has taken it?" cried his wife impatiently.

"You want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it."

This was invitation enough.

"Why, my dear, you must know, Mrs. Long says that Netherfield is taken by a young man of large fortune from the north of England; that he came down on Monday in a chaise and four to see the place, and was so much delighted with it that he agreed with Mr. Morris immediately; that he is to take possession before Michaelmas, and some of his servants are to be in the house by the end of next week."

"What is his name?"

### 第一章

有钱的单身汉总要娶位太太，这是一条举世公认的真理。

这条真理还真够深入人心的，每逢这样的单身汉新搬到一个地方，四邻八舍的人家尽管对他的性情见识一无所知，却把他视为自己某一个女儿的合法财产。

"亲爱的贝内特先生，"一天，贝内特太太对丈夫说道，"你有没有听说内瑟菲尔德庄园终于租出去了？"

贝内特先生回答道，没有听说。

"的确租出去了，"太太说道。"朗太太刚刚来过，她把这事一五一十地全告诉我了。"

贝内特先生没有答话。

"难道你不想知道是谁租去的吗？"太太不耐烦地嚷道。

"既然你想告诉我，我听听也无妨。"

这句话足以逗引太太讲下去了。

"哦，亲爱的，你应该知道，朗太太说，内瑟菲尔德让英格兰北部的一个阔少爷租去了；他星期一那天乘坐一辆驷马马车来看房子，看得非常中意，当下就和莫里斯先生讲妥了；他打算赶在米迦勒节以前搬进新居，下周末以前打发几个佣人先住进来。"

"他姓什么？"

“Bingley.”

“Is he married or single?”

“Oh! single, my dear, to be sure! A single man of large fortune; four or five thousand pounds a year. What a fine thing for our girls!”

“How so? How can it affect them?”

“My dear Mr. Bennet,” replied his wife, “how can you be so tiresome! You must know that I am thinking of his marrying one of them.”

“Is that his design in settling here?”

“Design! Nonsense, how can you talk so! But it is very likely that he may fall in love with one of them, and therefore you must visit him as soon as he comes.”

“I see no occasion for that. You and the girls may go, or you may send them by themselves, which perhaps will be still better; for, as you are as handsome as any of them, Mr. Bingley might like you the best of the party.”

“My dear, you flatter me. I certainly have had my share of beauty, but I do not pretend to be any thing extraordinary now. When a woman has five grown up daughters, she ought to give over thinking of her own beauty.”

“In such cases, a woman has not often much beauty to think of.”

“But, my dear, you must indeed go and see Mr. Bingley when he comes into the neighbourhood.”

“It is more than I engage for, I assure you.”

“But consider your daughters. Only think what an establishment it would be for one of them. Sir William and Lady Lucas are determined to go, merely on that account, for in general, you know they visit no new comers. Indeed you must go, for it will be impossible for us to visit him, if you do not.”

“You are over - scrupulous, surely. I dare say

“宾利。”

“成亲了还是单身?”

“哦! 单身, 亲爱的, 千真万确! 一个有钱的单身汉, 每年有四五千磅的收入。真是女儿们的好福气!”

“这是怎么说? 跟女儿们有什么关系?”

“亲爱的贝内特先生,” 太太答道, “你怎么这么令人讨厌! 告诉你吧, 我正在思谋他娶她们中的一个做太太呢。”

“他搬到这里就是为了这个打算?”

“打算! 胡扯, 你怎么能这么说! 他兴许会看中她们中的哪一个, 因此, 他一来你就得去拜访他。”

“我看没有那个必要。你带着女儿们去就行啦, 要不你索性打发她们自己去, 这样或许更好些, 因为你的姿色并不亚于她们中的任何一个, 你一去, 宾利先生倒兴许看中你呢。”

“亲爱的, 你太抬举我啦。我以前确实有过美貌的时候, 不过现在却不敢硬充有什么出众的地方了。一个女人家有了五个成年的女儿, 就不该对自己的美貌再转什么念头了。”

“这么说来, 女人家对自己的美貌也转不了多久的念头啦。”

“不过, 亲爱的, 宾利先生一搬到这里, 你可真得去见见他。”

“告诉你吧, 这事我可不能答应。”

“可你要为女儿们着想呀。请你想一想, 她们谁要是嫁给他, 那会是多么好的一门亲事。威廉爵士夫妇打定主意要去, 还不就是为了这个缘故, 因为你知道, 他们通常是不去拜访新搬来的邻居的。你真应该去一次, 要不然, 我们母女就没法去见他。”

“你实在过于多虑了。宾利先生

Mr. Bingley will be very glad to see you; and I will send a few lines by you to assure him of my hearty consent to his marrying which ever he chooses of the girls; though I must throw in a good word for my little Lizzy."

"I desire you will do no such thing. Lizzy is not a bit better than the others; and I am sure she is not half so handsome as Jane, nor half so good humoured as Lydia. But you are always giving her the preference."

"They have none of them much to recommend them," replied he, "They are all silly and ignorant like other girls; but Lizzy has something more of quickness than her sisters."

"Mr. Bennet, how can you abuse your own children in such way? You take delight in vexing me. You have no compassion on my poor nerves."

"You mistake me, my dear. I have a high respect for your nerves. They are my old friends. I have heard you mention them with consideration these twenty years at least."

"Ah! you do not know what I suffer."

"But I hope you will get over it, and live to see many young men of four thousand a year come into the neighbourhood."

"It will be no use to us if twenty such should come, since you will not visit them."

"Depend upon it, my dear, that when there are twenty I will visit them all."

Mr. Bennet was so odd a mixture of quick parts, sarcastic humour, reserve, and caprice, that the experience of three and twenty years had been insufficient to make his wife understand his character. Her mind was less difficult to develop. She was a woman of mean understanding, little information, and uncertain temper. When she was discontented, she fancied herself nervous. The business of her life was to get her daughters married; its solace was visiting and news.

## Chapter II

MR. Bennet was among the earliest of those

一定会很高兴见到你的。我可以写封信让你带去,就说他随便想要我那位女儿,我都会欣然同意。不过,我要为小莉齐美言两句。”

“我希望你别做这种事。莉齐丝毫不比别的女儿强。我敢说,论漂亮,她远远及不上简;论性子,她远远及不上莉迪亚。可你总是偏爱她。”

“她们哪一个也没有多少好称道的,”贝内特先生答道。“她们像别人家的姑娘一样,一个个又傻又蠢,倒是莉齐比几个姐妹伶俐些。”

“贝内特先生,你怎么能这样糟蹋自己的孩子?你就喜欢气我,压根儿不体谅我那脆弱的神经。”

“你错怪我了,亲爱的。我非常尊重你的神经。它们是我的老朋友啦。至少在这二十年里,我总是听见你郑重其事地说起它们。”

“唉!你不知道我受多大的罪。”

“我希望你会好起来,亲眼看见好多每年有四千镑收入的阔少爷搬到这一带。”

“既然你不肯去拜访,即使搬来二十个,那对我们又有什么用。”

“放心吧,亲爱的,等到搬来二十个,我一定去挨个拜访。”

贝内特先生是个古怪人,一方面 *on one hand* 乖觉诙谐,好挖苦人,另一方面又 *hand* 不苟言笑,变幻莫测,他太太积二十 *in the* 年之经验,还摸不透他的性格。这位 *other hand* 太太的脑子就不那么难捉摸了。她是个智力贫乏、孤陋寡闻、喜怒无常的女人。一碰到不称心的时候,就自以为神经受不了。她平生的大事,是把女儿们嫁出去;她平生的慰藉,是访亲拜友和打听消息。

## 第二章

贝内特先生是最先拜访宾利先

who <sup>= called on.</sup> waited on Mr. Bingley. He had always intended to visit him, though to the last always assuring his wife that he should not go; and till the evening after the visit was paid, she had no knowledge of it. It was then disclosed in the following manner. Observing his second daughter employed in trimming a hat, he suddenly addressed her with:

"I hope Mr. Bingley will like it, Lizzy."

"We are not in a way to know what Mr. Bingley likes," said her mother resentfully, "since we are not to visit."

"But you forget, mama," said Elizabeth, "that we shall meet him at the assemblies, and that Mrs. Long has promised to introduce him."

"I do not believe Mrs. Long will do any such thing. She has two nieces of her own. She is a selfish, hypocritical woman, and I have no opinion of her."

"No more have I," said Mr. Bennet, "and I am glad to find that you do not depend on her serving you."

Mrs. Bennet dignified not to make any reply; but unable to contain herself, began scolding one of her daughters.

"Don't keep coughing so, Kitty, for heaven's sake! Have a little compassion on my nerves. You tear them to pieces."

"Kitty has no discretion in her coughs," said her father, "she times them ill."

"I do not cough for my own amusement," replied Kitty fretfully.

"When is your next ball to be, Lizzy?"

"Tomorrow fortnight."

"Aye, so it is," cried her mother, "and Mrs. Long does not come back till the day before; so it will be impossible for her to introduce him, for she will not know him herself."

"Then, my dear, you may have the advantage of your friend, and introduce Mr. Bingley to her."

"Impossible, Mr. Bennet, impossible, when I

生的人儿之一。本来,他早就打算去拜见他,可在太太面前却始终咬定不想去。直到拜访后的当天晚上,贝内特太太才知道真情。当时,事情是这样透露出来的。贝内特先生看着二女儿在装饰帽子,便突然对她说道:

"我希望宾利先生会喜欢这顶帽子,莉齐。"

"既然我们不打算去拜访宾利先生,"做母亲的愤然说道,"我们怎么会知道人家喜欢什么。"

"你忘啦,妈妈,"伊丽莎白说道,"我们要在舞会上遇见他的,朗太太还答应把他介绍给我们。"

"我不相信朗太太会这样做。她自己有两个侄女。她是个自私自利、假仁假义的女人,我一点也瞧不起她。"

"我也瞧不起她,"贝内特先生说道,"我很高兴,你不指望她来帮忙。"

贝内特太太不屑搭理他,可是忍不住气,便骂起女儿来。

"别老是咳个不停,基蒂,看在老天爷分上!稍微体谅一下我的神经吧。你咳得我的神经快胀裂啦。"

"基蒂真不知趣,"父亲说道,"咳嗽也不拣个时候。"

"我又不是咳着玩的,"基蒂气冲冲地答道。

"你们下一次舞会定在哪一天,莉齐?"

"从明天算起,还有两个星期。"

"啊,原来如此,"母亲嚷道,"朗太太要等到舞会的前一天才回来,那她就不可能向你们介绍宾利先生啦,因为她自己还不认识他呢。"

"那么,亲爱的,你就可以占朋友的上风,反过来向她介绍宾利先生啦。"

"办不到,贝内特先生,办不到,



am not acquainted with him myself; how can you be so teasing?"

"I honour your circumspection. A fortnight's acquaintance is certainly very little. One cannot know what a man really is by the end of a fortnight. But if we do not venture, somebody else will; and after all, Mrs. Long and her nieces must stand their chance; and therefore, as she will think it an act of kindness, if you decline the office, I will take it on myself."

The girls stared at their father. Mrs. Bennet said only: "Nonsense, nonsense!"

"What can be the meaning of that emphatic exclamation?" cried he. \! Do you consider the forms of introduction, and the stress that is laid on them, as nonsense? I cannot quite agree with you there. What say you, Mary? For you are a young lady of deep reflection I know, and read great books, and make extracts."

Mary wished to say something very sensible, but knew not how.

"While Mary is adjusting her ideas," he continued, "let us return to Mr. Bingley."

"I am sick of Mr. Bingley," cried his wife.

"I am sorry to hear that; but why did not you tell me so before? If I had known as much this morning, I certainly would not have called on him. It is very unlucky; but as I have actually paid the visit, we cannot escape the acquaintance now."

The astonishment of the ladies was just what he wished; that of Mrs. Bennet perhaps surpassing the rest; though when the first tumult of joy was over, she began to declare that it was what she had expected all the while.

"How good it was in you, my dear Mr. Bennet! But I knew I should persuade you at last. I was sure you loved our girls too well to neglect such an acquaintance. Well, how pleased I am! and it is such a good joke, too, that you should have gone this morning, and never said a word about it till now."

我自己还不认识他呢。你怎么能这样取笑人?"

"我真佩服你的审慎。结识两周当然微不足道。你不可能在两周里真正了解一个人。不过,这件事我们不抢先一步,别人可不客气了。不管怎么说,朗太太和她侄女总要结识宾利先生的。因此,你要是不肯介绍,我来介绍好了,反正朗太太会觉得我们是一片好意。"

姑娘们都瞪着眼睛望着父亲。贝内特太太只说了声:"无聊!无聊!"

"你乱嚷嚷什么?"贝内特先生大声说道。"你以为替人家作作介绍讲点礼仪是无聊吗?我可不大同意你这个看法。你说呢,玛丽?我知道,你是个富有真知灼见的小姐,读的都是鸿篇巨著,还要做做札记。"

玛丽很想发表点高见,可又不知道怎么说才好。

趁玛丽深思熟虑的时候,贝内特先生接着说道,"我们再回头谈谈宾利先生。"

"我讨厌宾利先生,"太太嚷道。

"真遗憾,听见你说这话。可你为什么不早对我这么说呢?假使我今天早上了解这个情况,我肯定不会去拜访他。非常不幸,既然我已拜拜访过了,我们免不了要结识他啦。"

正如他期望的那样,太太小姐们一听大为惊讶,尤其是贝内特太太,也许比别人更为惊讶。不过,大家欢呼雀跃了一阵之后,她又声称:这件事她早就料到了。

"亲爱的贝内特先生,你心肠太好啦!不过我早就知道,我终究会说服你的。你那么疼爱自己的女儿,决不会忽视这样一位朋友。啊,我太高兴啦!你这个玩笑开得真有意思,早上就去过了,直到刚才还只字不提。"

"Now, Kitty, you may cough as much as you choose," said Mr. Bennet; and, as he spoke, he left the room, fatigued with the raptures of his wife.

"What an excellent father you have, girls," said she, when the door was shut. "I do not know how you will ever make him amends for his kindness; or me either, for that matter. At our time of life, it is not so pleasant I can tell you, to be making new acquaintance every day; but for your sakes, we would do any thing. Lydia, my love, though you are the youngest, I dare say Mr. Bingley will dance with you at the next ball."

"Oh!" said Lydia stoutly, "I am not afraid; for though I am the youngest, I'm the tallest."

The rest of the evening was spent in conjecturing how soon he would return Mr. Bennet's visit, and determining when they should ask him to dinner.

### Chapter III

NOT all that Mrs. Bennet, however, with the assistance of her five daughters, could ask on the subject was sufficient to draw from her husband any satisfactory description of Mr. Bingley. They attacked him in various ways; with barefaced questions, ingenious suppositions, and distant surmises; but he eluded the skill of them all; and they were at last obliged to accept the second-hand intelligence of their neighbour Lady Lucas. Her report was highly favourable. Sir William had been delighted with him. He was quite young, wonderfully handsome, extremely agreeable, and, to crown the whole, he meant to be at the next assembly with a large party. Nothing could be more delightful! To be fond of dancing was a certain step towards falling in love; and very lively hopes of Mr. Bingley's heart were entertained.

"If I can but see one of my daughters happily settled at Netherfield," said Mrs. Bennet to her hus-

"好啦,基蒂,你可以尽情地咳嗽啦,"贝内特先生说道。他一边说,一边走出房去,眼见着太太那样欣喜若狂,他真有些厌倦。

"孩子们,你们有个多好的爸爸啊,"门一关上,贝内特太太便说道。"我不知道你们怎样才能报答他的恩情,也不知道你们怎样才能报答我的恩情。我可以告诉你们,到了我们这个年纪,谁也没有兴致天天去结交朋友。但是为了你们,我们是什么事情都乐意去做。莉迪亚,我的宝贝,虽说你年纪最小,可是开起舞会来,宾利先生肯定会跟你跳。"

"哦!"莉迪亚满不在乎地说,"我才不担心呢。我尽管年纪最小,个子却最高。"

当晚余下的时间里,太太小姐们猜测起宾利先生什么时候会回拜贝内特先生,盘算是什么时候该请他来吃饭。

### 第三章

贝内特太太尽管有五个女儿帮腔,宾利先生长宾利先生短地问来问去,可丈夫总不能给她个满意的回答。母女们采取种种方式对付他——露骨的盘问,奇异的假想,不着边际的猜测,但是,任凭她们手段多么高明,贝内特先生都一一敷衍过去,最后她们给搞得无可奈何,只能听听邻居卢卡斯太太的间接消息。卢卡斯太太说起来赞不绝口。威廉爵士十分喜欢他。他年纪轻轻,相貌堂堂,为人极其随和,最令人欣慰的是,他打算拉一大帮人来参加下次舞会。真是再好不过啦!喜欢跳舞是谈情说爱的可靠步骤,大家都热切希望去博取宾利先生的欢心。

"我要是能看到一个女儿美满地住进内瑟菲尔德庄园,"贝内特太太

band, "and all the others equally well married, I shall have nothing to wish for."

In a few days Mr. Bingley returned Mr. Bennet's visit, and sat about ten minutes with him in his library. He had entertained hopes of being admitted to a sight of the young ladies, of whose beauty he had heard much; but he saw only the father. The ladies were somewhat more fortunate, for they had the advantage of ascertaining, from an upper window, that he wore a blue coat and rode a black horse.

An invitation to dinner was soon afterwards dispatched; and already had Mrs. Bennet planned the courses that were to do credit to her housekeeping, when an answer arrived which deferred it all. Mr. Bingley was obliged to be in town the following day, and consequently unable to accept the honour of their invitation. Mrs. Bennet was quite disconcerted. She could not imagine what business he could have in town so soon after his arrival in Hertfordshire; and she began to fear that he might be always flying about from one place to another, and never settled at Netherfield as he ought to be. Lady Lucas quieted her fears a little by starting the idea of his being gone to London only to get a large party for the ball; and a report soon followed that Mr. Bingley was to bring twelve ladies and seven gentlemen with him to the assembly. The girls grieved over such a large number of ladies; but were comforted the day before the ball by hearing that, instead of twelve, he had brought only six with him from London, his five sisters and a cousin. And when the party entered the assembly room, it consisted of only five altogether; Mr. Bingley, his two sisters, the husband of the oldest, and another young man.

Mr. Bingley was good looking and gentleman-like; he had a pleasant countenance, and easy, unaffected manners. His brother-in-law, Mr. Hurst, merely looked the gentleman; but his friend Mr. Darcy soon drew the attention of the room by his fine, tall person, handsome features, noble mien; and the report which was in general circulation with

对丈夫说道,“看到其他几个女儿也嫁给这样的好人家,我也就心满意足了。”

几天以后,宾利先生前来回访贝内特先生,跟他在书房里坐了大约十分钟。他对几位小姐的美貌早有耳闻,希望能够趁机见见她们,不想只见到了她们的父亲。倒是小姐们比较幸运,她们围在楼上的窗口,看见他穿着一件蓝外套,骑着一匹黑马。

不料一封回信把事情给推迟了。原来,宾利先生第二天要进城,因此无法接受他们的盛意邀请。贝内特太太心里大为惶惑。她想,宾利先生刚来到赫特福德郡,怎么又要有事进城。于是她心里顾虑开了:莫非他总要这样东漂西泊,来去匆匆,而不会正儿八经地住在内瑟菲尔德,幸亏卢卡斯太太兴起一个念头,说他可能是到伦敦去多拉些人来参加舞会,这才使贝内特太太打消了几分忧虑。顿时,外面纷纷传说,宾利先生要带来十二位女宾和七位男宾参加舞会。小姐们听说这么多女士要来,不禁有些担忧。但是到了舞会的头一天,又听说宾利先生从伦敦没有带来十二位女宾,而只带来六位——他自己的五个姐妹和一个表姐妹。小姐们这才放了心。后来等宾客走进舞厅时,却总共只有五个人——宾利先生,他的两个姐妹,他姐夫,还有一个青年。

宾利先生仪表堂堂,很有绅士派头,而且和颜悦色,大大落落,丝毫没有矫揉造作的架势。他姐夫赫斯特先生只不过像个绅士,但是他的朋友达西先生却立即引起了全场的注意,因为他身材魁伟,眉清目秀,举止高雅,进场不到五分钟,人们便纷纷传

in five minutes after his entrance, of his having ten thousand a year. The gentlemen pronounced him to be a fine figure of a man, the ladies declared he was much handsomer than Mr. Bingley, and he was looked at with great admiration for about half the evening, till his manners gave a disgust which turned the tide of his popularity; for he was discovered to be proud, to be above his company, and above being pleased; and not all his large estate in Derbyshire could then save him from having a most forbidding, disagreeable countenance, and being unworthy to be compared with his friend.

Mr. Bingley had soon made himself acquainted with all the principal people in the room; he was lively and unreserved, danced every dance, was angry that the ball closed so early, and talked of giving one himself at Netherfield. Such amiable qualities must speak for themselves. What a contrast between him and his friend! Mr. Darcy danced only once with Mrs. Hurst and once with Miss Bingley, declined being introduced to any other lady, and spent the rest of the evening in walking about the room, speaking occasionally to one of his own party. His character was decided. He was the proudest, most disagreeable man in the world, and every body hoped that he would never come there again. Amongst the most violent against him was Mrs. Bennet, whose dislike of his general behaviour was sharpened into particular resentment by his having slighted one of her daughters.

Elizabeth Bennet had been obliged, by the scarcity of gentlemen, to sit down for two dances; and during part of that time, Mr. Darcy had been standing near enough for her to overhear a conversation between him and Mr. Bingley, who came from the dance for a few minutes to press his friend to join it.

"Come, Darcy," said he, "I must have you dance. I hate to see you standing about by yourself in this stupid manner. You had much better dance."

"I certainly shall not. You know how I detest it, unless I am particularly acquainted with my part-

说,他每年有一万磅收入。男宾们称赞他一表人才,女宾们声称他比宾利先生漂亮得多。差不多有半个晚上,人们都艳羡不已地望着他。后来,他的举止引起了众人的厌恶,他在人们心目中的形象也就一落千丈,因为大家发现他自高自大,目中无人,不好逢迎。这样一来,纵使他在德比郡的财产再多,也无济于事,他那副面孔总是那样讨人嫌,那样惹人厌,他压根儿比不上他的朋友。

宾利先生很快就结识了全场所有的主要人物。他生气勃勃,无拘无束,每曲舞都跳,只恨舞会散得太早,说他自己要在内瑟菲尔德庄园再开一次。如此的好性子,自然会赢得众人的好感。他跟他的朋友形成多么鲜明的对照!达西先生只跟赫斯特夫人跳了一次,跟宾利小姐跳了一次,有人想向他引荐别的小姐,他却一概拒绝,整个晚上只在厅里逛来逛去,偶尔跟自己交谈几句。他的个性太强了。他是世界上最骄傲、最讨人嫌的人,人人都希望他以后别再来了。其中对他最反感的,要算贝内特太太,她本来就讨厌他的整个举止,后来他又得罪了她的一个女儿,她便由讨厌变成了深恶痛绝。

由于男宾人数少,有两曲舞伊丽莎白·贝内特只得干坐着。这当儿,达西先生一度站在离她不远的地方,宾利先生走出舞池几分钟,硬要达西跟着一起跳,两人的谈话让她听到了。

"来吧,达西,"宾利先生说,"我一定要你跳。我不愿意看见你一个人傻乎乎地站来站去。还是去跳舞吧。"

"我绝对不跳。你知道我多讨厌跳舞,除非有个特别熟悉的舞伴。这