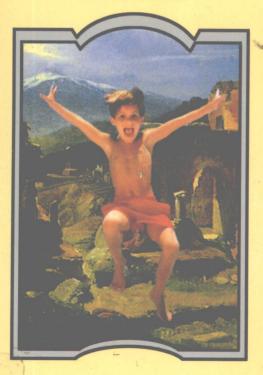
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前言

在中国,汤姆·索亚是个家喻户晓的人物,一提起这个名字, 人们自然会想到一个机智活泼、勇敢正直、可爱,又有些顽皮的少年形象;会想起有关他的一系列故事。

汤姆·索亚不是一个好学生,他厌烦枯燥无味的功课,空洞虚 假的教义和不近人情的清规戒律,但是,他又是一个耽于幻想的 少年,渴望成为传说中的英雄。无论是在校内还是在校外,他都 是一个到处惹事的淘气鬼。在学校里,因其太过顽皮,老师经常 鞭笞他,他便在发奖日那天,当着全村人的面捉弄了那位老师。 虽然,汤姆是调皮捣蛋鬼,但他又是正直的——他和知心朋友曾 经目睹了一起人命案,但警察却将村民波特误认为是凶手,在审 判的现场,汤姆勇敢地站出来,指证真正的杀人凶手,为被诬陷的 无辜的波特洗刷了不白之冤。同时,汤姆又表现出了他那个年龄 的人少有的机智和沉着,在一次郊游中,汤姆和法官的女儿贝吉 在山洞中迷了路,但汤姆临危不乱、沉着冷静,使凶狠的杀人犯死 在山洞中,他和小朋友却安然无恙。在一次寻宝活动中,汤姆和 好友哈克找到了一大笔财宝,全村人都轰动了,人们都纷纷汇入 到了寻宝的热潮中,而汤姆却视财宝若无物,依旧满心向往自由 的英雄生活。——《汤姆·索亚历险记》这部小说,绘声绘色地描 述了理想主义浓郁的少年世界和贪婪、庸俗、保守的小市民世界, 两者相较,给人以更为深刻的印象和启示。

提起汤姆·索亚,人们自然会想到它的作者马克·吐温,这位以幽默著称的作家。马克·吐温(Mark Twain 1835—1910),原名叫塞缪尔·朗荷恩·克莱门斯,出生于密苏里州偏僻的弗罗里达镇,4岁时举家迁到了密西西比河边的哈尼波尔城,热爱密西西

比河的克莱门斯最大的愿望便是当一名轮船上的驾驶员,航行于这条大河上。不久,做地方法官的父亲去世了,克莱门斯只好缀学谋生,那一年,他只有12岁。

1854年,克莱门斯离开家乡,先后在美国东部、中西部和密西西比河沿岸当排字工人。1856年,克莱门斯终于实现了童年时代的梦想,在密西西比河上当上了一名领航员。此后,他又被编入南方军队当兵,到西部的内华达州当海金工人。在内华达为报纸写文章,以马克·吐温的笔名发表,不久,移居旧金山。1865年至1870年,马克·吐温以记者身份游历了欧洲和中东地区,在国内的报纸上发表旅游见闻。到他回国时,马克·吐温已是家喻户晓的幽默作家了。

马克·吐温这一笔名源于他在密西西比河上当领航员的经历,因为当时在密西西比河,当水深三同(一同为 6 英尺)时,船只是绝对安全的,当水深达到二同时,船尚处于安全水深,这时测水手便要高声通报"水深二同",而"水深二同"的英语术语就是"马克·吐温",为了怀念自己热爱的密西西比河和那段生活经历,马克·吐温便以此为笔名了。

马克·吐温的作品,笔调轻松幽默,恢谐有趣,但是,这种幽默中总是蕴含着深刻的社会内容和对现世的批判态度。所以在美国,有人将马克·吐温称为"黑色幽默"之父,并将其称之为"我们民族文学的真正开创者"。

马克·吐温的作品著名的有《百万英镑》、《竞选州长》、《镀金时代》、《哈克贝里·芬历险记》和《汤姆·索亚历险记》。他的后两部小说,虽然是以青少年读者为主要对象,但也是其它年龄阶段的读者所喜爱的,正如马克·吐温在该书自序中所说的那样:

虽然我这部书主要是打算供男女少年们欣赏的,但是我希望成年男女们并不因此而不看它,因为我的计划中有一部分是想使成年人轻松愉快地回忆起他们曾经如何生活,怎样感觉,怎样思

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"What's gone with that boy, I wonder? You TOM!"

The old lady pulled her spectacles down and looked over them about the room; then she put them up and looked out under them. She seldom or never looked through them for so small a thing as a boy; they were her state pair, the pride of her heart, and were built for "style," not service—she could have seen through a pair of stovelids just as well. She looked perplexed for a moment, and then said, not fiercely, but still loud enough for the furniture to hear: "Well, I lay if I get hold of you I'll-"

She did not finish, for by this time she was bending down and punching under the bed with the broom, and so she needed breath to punctuate the punches with. She resurrected nothing but the cat.

"I never did see the beat of that boy!"

She went to the open door and stood in it and looked out among the tomato vines and "jimpson" weeds that constituted the garden. No Tom. So she lifted up her voice at an angle calculated for distance and shouted:

d shouted:
"Y-o-u-u Tom!"
There was a slight noise behind her and she turned just in time to seize a small boy by the slack of his roundabout and arrest his

flight.
"There! I might 'a thought of that closet. What you been doing in there?"

"Nothing.

"Nothing."
"Nothing! Look at your hands. And look at your mouth. What guile, and very deep for the westled to crap thin "Statut is that truck?"

"I don't know, aunt."

"Well, I know. It's jam-that's what it is. Forty times I've said if you didn't let that jam alone I'd skin you. Hand me that switch." to any to the same and the same as soon in the same and the s

The switch hovered in the air—the peril was desperate—

"My! Look behind you, aunt!"

The old lady whirled round, and snatched her skirts out of

danger. The lad fled on the instant, scrambled up the high board-fence, and disappeared over it. His aunt Polly stood surprised a

moment, and then broke into a gentle laugh.

"Hang the boy, can't I never learn anything? Ain't he played me tricks enough like that for me to be looking out for him by this time? But old fools is the biggest fools there is. Can't learn an old dog new tricks, as the saying is. But my goodness, he never plays them alike, two days, and how is a body to know what's coming? He 'pears to know just how long he can torment me before I get my dander up, and he knows if he can make out to put me off for a minute or make me laugh, it's all down again and I can't hit him a lick. I ain't doing my duty by that boy, and that's the Lord's truth, goodness knows. Spare the rod and spile the child, as the Good Book says. I'm a laying up sin and suffering for us both, I know. He's full of the Old Scratch, but laws-a-me! he's my own dead sister's boy, poor thing, and I ain't got the heart to lash him, somehow. Every time I let him off, my conscience does hurt me so, and every time I hit him my old heart most breaks. Well-a-well, man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble, as the Scripture says, and I reckon it's so. He'll play hookey this evening. and I'll just be obleeged to make him work, to-morrow, to punish him. It's mighty hard to make him work Saturdays, when all the boys is having holiday, but he hates work more than he hates anything else, and I've got to do some of my duty by him, or I'll be the ruination of the child."

Tom did play hookey, and he had a very good time. He got back home barely in season to help Jim, the small colored boy, saw next-day's wood and split the kindlings before supper—at least he was there in time to tell his adventures to Jim while Jim did three-fourths of the work. Tom's younger brother (or rather half-brother) Sid was already through with his part of the work (picking up chips), for he was a quiet boy, and had no adventurous, troublesome ways. While Tom was eating his supper, and stealing sugar as opportunity offered, Aunt Polly asked him questions that were full of guile, and very deep—for she wanted to trap him into damaging revealments. Like many other simple-hearted souls, it was her pet vanity to believe she was endowed with a talent for dark and mysterious diplomacy, and she loved to contemplate her most transparent devices as marvels of low cunning. Said she: "Tom, it was middling warm in school, warn't it?"

[&]quot;Yes'm."

[&]quot;Powerful warm, warn't it?"

"Yes'm."

"Didn't you want to go in a-swimming, Tom?"

A bit of a scare shot through Tom—a touch of uncomfortable suspicion. He searched Aunt Polly's face, but it told him nothing. So he said:

"No'm-well, not very much." a crotain a grow as red and

The old lady reached out her hand and felt Tom's shirt, and said:

"But you ain't too warm now, though." And it flattered her to reflect that she had discovered that the shirt was dry without anybody knowing that that was what she had in her mind. But in spite of her, Tom knew where the wind lay, now. So he forestalled what might be the next move:

"Some of us pumped on our heads mine's damp yet. See?"

Aunt Polly was vexed to think she had overlooked that bit of circumstantial evidence, and missed a trick. Then she had a new inspiration:

"Tom, you didn't have to undo your shirt collar where I sewed

it, to pump on your head, did you? Unbutton your jacket!"

The trouble vanished out of Tom's face. He opened his jacket.

His shirt collar was securely sewed.

"Bother! Well, go'long with you. I'd made sure you'd played hookey and been a-swimming. But I forgive ye, Tom. I reckon you're a kind of a singed cat, as the saying is—better'n you look. This time."

She was half sorry her sagacity had miscarried, and half glad that Tom had stumbled into obedient conduct for once.

But Sidney said:

"Well, now, if I didn't think you sewed his collar with white thread, but it's black."

"Why, I did sew it with white! Tom!"

But Tom did not wait for the rest. As he went out at the door he said:

"Siddy, I'll lick you for that." How and on order to I'll

In a safe place Tom examined two large needles which were thrust into the lapels of his jacket, and had thread bound about them—one needle carried white thread and the other black. He said:

"She'd never noticed if it hadn't been for Sid. Confound it! sometimes she sews it with white, and sometimes she sews it with black. I wish to geeminy she'd stick to one or t'other—I can't keep the run of 'em. But I bet you I'll lam Sid for that. I'll learn him!"

He was not the Model Boy of the village. He knew the model

boy very well though—and loathed him.

Within two minutes, or even less, he had forgotten all his troubles. Not because his troubles were one whit less heavy and bitter to him than a man's are to a man, but because a new and powerful interest bore them down and drove them out of his mind for the time-just as men's misfortunes are forgotten in the excitement of new enterprises. This new interest was a valued novelty in whistling, which he had just acquired from a negro, and he was suffering to practise it undisturbed. It consisted in a peculiar bird-like turn, a sort of liquid warble, produced by touching the tongue to the roof of the mouth at short intervals in the midst of the music—the reader probably remembers how to do it, if he has ever been a boy. Diligence and attention soon gave him the knack of it, and he strode down the street with his mouth full of harmony and his soul full of gratitude. He felt much as an astronomer feels who has discovered a new planet no doubt, as far as strong, deep, unalloyed pleasure is concerned, the advantage was with the boy, not the astronomer.

The summer evenings were long. It was not dark, yet. Presently Tom checked his whistle. A stranger was before him—a boy a shade larger than himself. A new-comer of any age or either sex was an impressive curiosity in the poor little shabby village of St. Petersburg. This boy was well dressed, too—well dressed on a week-day. This was simply astounding. His cap was a dainty thing, his closebuttened blue cloth roundabout was new and natty, and so were his pantaloons. He had shoes on—and it was only Friday. He even wore a necktie, a bright bit of ribbon. He had a citified air about him that ate into Tom's vitals. The more Tom stared at the splendid marvel, the higher he turned up his nose at his finery and the shabbier and shabbier his own outfit seemed to him to grow. Neither boy spoke. If one moved, the other moved—but only sidewise, in a circle; they kept face to face and eye to eye all the time. Finally Tom said:

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An uncomfortable pause. Then Tom said:

"What's your name?"

"'Tisn't any of your business, maybe."

"Well I 'low I'll make it my business."

"Well why don't you?"

"If you say much, I will."

"Much-much-MUCH. There now."

"Oh, you think you're mighty smart, don't you? I could lick you with one hand tied behind me, if I wanted to."

"Well why don't you do it? You say you can do it."

"Well I will, if you fool with me." Long to be and a son and I

"Oh yes-I've seen whole families in the same fix."

"Smarty! You think you're some, now, don't you? Oh, what Wells you said you'd do do to why don't you do he'll a hat!"

"You can lump that hat if you don't like it. I dare you to knock it off-and anybody that'll take a dare will suck eggs."

"You're a liar!"

"You're another."

"You're a fighting liar and dasn't take it up."

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"Say-if you give me much more of your sass I'll take and bounce a rock off'n your head." Hat was bus apput a bridge dass "Oh, of course you will." I want short palesting salt shouses I

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"Well why don't you do it then? What do you keep saying you will for? Why don't you do it? It's because you're afraid."

"I ain't afraid." "You are." The property and base "I'llum" milet?

"I ain't."

You are. "Insured they must be said work abus bon question

Another pause, and more eying and sidling around each other. Presently they were shoulder to shoulder. Tom said: aid as "Get away from here!" Also speed hos squillines sanidos

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So they stood, each with a foot placed at an angle as a brace, and both shoving with might and main, and glowering at each other with hate. But neither could get an advantage. After struggling till both were hot and flushed, each relaxed his strain with watchful caution, and Tom said: and detends and special observation vinera

"You're a coward and a pup. I'll tell my big brother on you,