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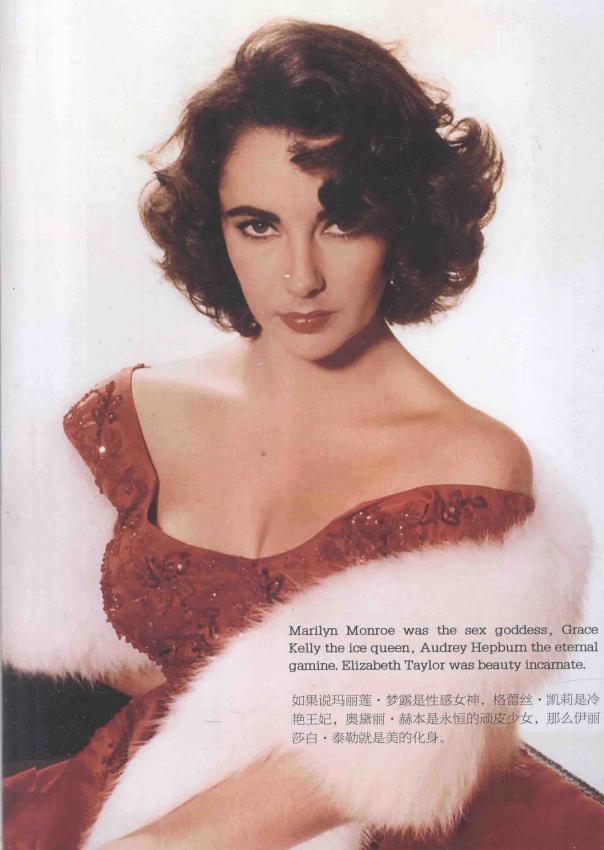
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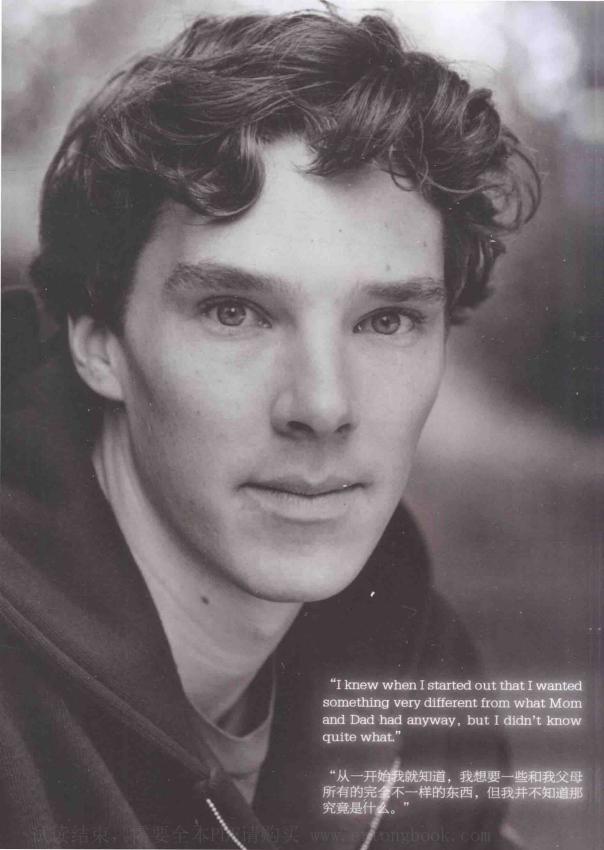
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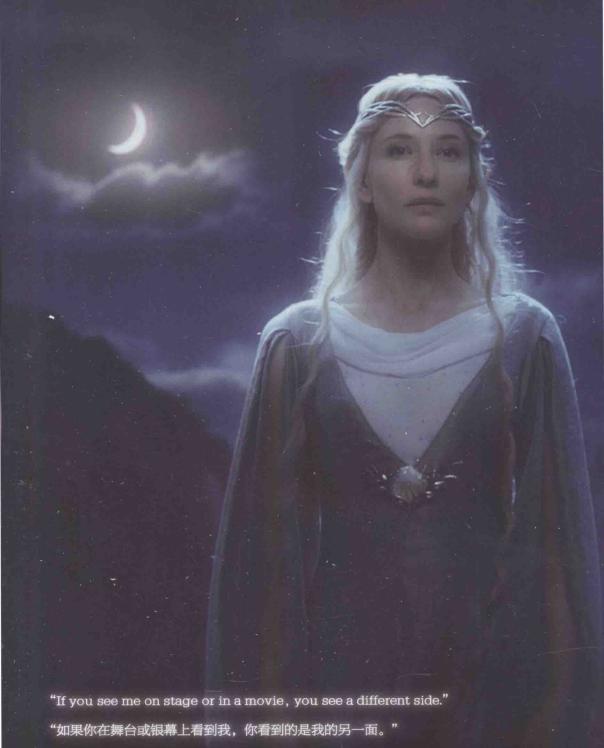
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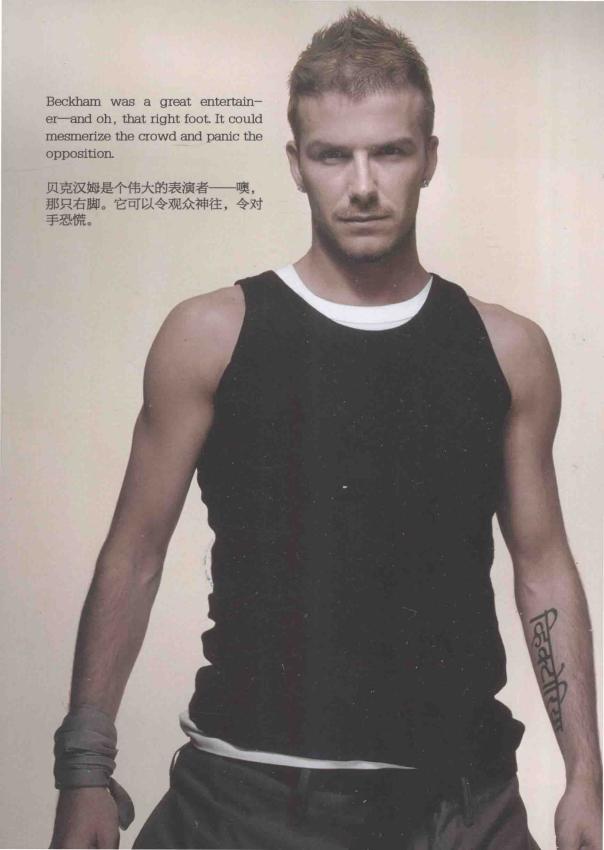
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# <sup>笔尖上的</sup>舞者

在生命中找寻一段安静的时光, 伴着书香步入文学的殿堂, 在那里遇见村上春树、狄更斯和 E·B·怀特, 遇见真实而纯粹的"老爹"海明威 和谜一样的悬疑小说之王阿加莎。 他们用笔下的文字尽数世事悲欢, 用无比的激情释放生命的美丽。 让我们透过文字, 走近这些文学大师的生活,

感受他们尽情绽放的生命之美 ……

Great Writers.





#### In China, a Writer Finds a Deep Well

莫言:一个中国作家的 黑色幽默和独特魅力

By Tom Shone 译/刘志良



2012年10月11日,莫言成为第一个获诺贝尔文学奖的中国作家。在近三十年的写作生涯中,莫言出版了十多部长篇小说,一百多部中短篇小说,近五百万字的内容涉及中国的各种社会形态,塑造出了形态各异的各类人物。他通过一个个歷夷所思的黑色幽默故事,近乎赤裸地展现了乡村生活风貌和残酷的现实世界。对于人类社会以及人性当中的丑陋与戏酷,莫言在作品中从不避讳和粉饰,正如他自己所说,"只有正视人类之恶,只有认识到自我之丑,只有猫写了人类不可克服的弱点和病态人格导致的悲惨命运,才是真正的悲剧,才可能具有"拷问灵魂"的深度和力度,才是真正的大悲悯。"

In his brilliantly realistic and darkly funny short story *Shifu, You'll Do Anything for a Laugh*, Mo Yan, the winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Literature, portrays a model worker, a shifu, or craftsman, from northeast China who is laid off at the factory where he has one month to go before his retirement. After using up all of his money getting medical treatment, the devastated man, Ding Shikou, or Ten Mouth Ding, discovers the shell of an abandoned bus near a cemetery at the edge of a lake.

Ding had just before noted that you have to pay to enter the public toilets in his city, which, a friend tells him, is all right since otherwise "lower-class people like us would never have the privilege of relieving ourselves in such a high-class place," and this gives him the brilliant idea of transforming the

2012 年度诺贝尔文学奖的获得者是莫言。他的小说《师傅越来越幽默》是一篇非常优秀的现实主义短篇小说,具有黑色幽默的风格。小说刻画了中国东北的一位模范工人,一个师傅,或者说一个技工。他差一个月就要退休了,工厂却让他下了岗。他叫丁十口。为了治病,他花光了自己所有的积蓄,走投无路之时,他在湖边一个墓地旁发现了一辆废弃的公共汽车外壳。

之前,丁师傅曾注意到在市里进公共厕所要付费,一位朋友告诉他说这没什么不好的,因为如果不收费,"像我们这样的下等人只怕在梦里也用不上这样高级

abandoned bus into a little love nest, charging young couples in heat and no place to go hourly rates for its use.

The story, like most of Mr. Mo's work, is reminiscent of a comment once made by the Soviet writer Vladimir Voinovich that in his country "reality and satire are the same." In his half dozen or so novels and story collections, the prolific', fanciful, unrestrained, sometimes outrageous Mr. Mo has created a universe full of earthy and eraggy the characters all of whom are battered to bruised"; almost crushed by the undignified outrages of ordinary life.

Or, as Mr. Mo himself succinctly described his Buddhist-like frame of reference, speaking at a Sino-American cultural conference in Berkeley, Calif., last year, "As long as humans live, there is pain." But, describing his literary philosophy, he added, "I think most readers would prefer to read humorous sentences about a painful life."

Humorous is one way to describe Mo Yan's sentences, and no doubt a certain amused81 distance makes it easier to take in 10 his mostly rural Chinese universe, its unfairness, its casual violence, its stench in, its tragedies, its Kafkaesque frustrations. But one senses, as with Mr. Voinovich, a caustic fury lurking just beneath the surface of his stories of ordinary Chinese lives. Most of them lived where Mr. Mo himself grew up, in northern Shandong Province,

