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当世界一片惨淡荒芜,人们生活穷困、绝望无助时,人性面临着最严峻的考验,卑微的人们必须在道德规范、价值观念与生存之间做抉择。面对穷困潦倒、世态炎凉,人们丑陋、自私、贪婪的本性再也无法隐藏,此时还有多少人能保有光明、善良、宽容的高尚情操?

为了让饥寒交迫的家人活下去,冉阿让冒险去偷面包,不料却因此被捕入狱。长久的牢狱生活使他变得愤世嫉俗;曾为囚犯的身份,更让他出狱后饱受嫌弃鄙视。社会的排斥与不屑,消弭了他重新做人、改过向善的信心。

宽大为怀的主教对走投无路的冉阿让伸出慷慨援助之手,先是不计前嫌地收容他,接着在他恩将仇报时,给了他更多的关爱与帮助。主教高尚的情操与爱心,深深感化了他,也给了他无限的希望,从此他彻底悔悟,决定隐姓埋名重新生活。

经过自己不断的努力, 冉阿让成了地方首富, 乐于助人、见义勇为的作风更得到了人民的爱戴, 他摇身一变成了受人尊敬的市长,昔日沦为阶下囚 的梦魇仿佛已成为过去。

冉阿让在偶然的机会收容了芳汀命运坎坷的 女儿——坷赛特,父女俩本想过安分的生活,没想 世事难料,狱中警卫沙威识破了他的新身份,过去 的阴影再次重现,冉阿让只有带着可怜的坷赛特一 再逃亡……

《悲惨世界》缩写本以浅显易懂的现代美语改编而成,英汉对照的方式、精心绘制的插图,都让你完全沉浸在本书入木三分的人性刻画、感人肺腑的故事情节以及深远的教育寓意中。

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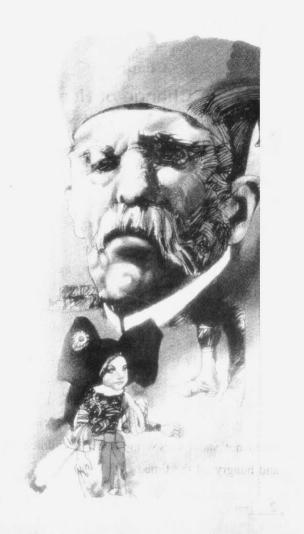
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Chapter 1 A Change of Heart

y name is Jean Valjean, and I am dying. I am writing this for my lovely daughter, Cosette. I want her to know the truth about her father. Hopefully, she will understand why I have kept so much from her. Hopefully, she can forgive me.

I am an old man now. But years ago, when I was young, I was sent to jail. And thus, my story begins.

I was twenty-five years old at the time. I was living with my sister. Her husband had died, leaving her alone with seven hungry children. It had been a long, hard winter. And it was hard to find a job. I could not stand to see my sister's children so cold and hungry all the time.

第一章 小灵的改变

我的名字叫冉阿让,我就要死了。为了我亲爱的女儿, 坷赛特, 我写下了这封信。我要让她明白,她的父亲究竟是什么样的人。希望她能理解为什么有那么多事情我都没有让她知道。更希望她能原谅我。

现在我已经老了。好多年前,当我还年轻时,我曾进过监狱。我的故事,也由此开始。

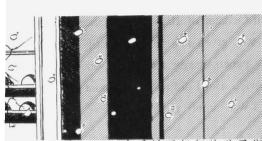
那时我二十五岁。我和姐姐住在一起。她的丈夫已经过世,留下她孤伶伶的一个人带着七个食不果腹的孩子。那是个漫长、艰难的冬天。要找到工作非常困难。看到姐姐的孩子们总是在寒风中瑟缩、饿着肚子,我再也无法忍受下去了。

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One day, I'd had enough of watching my sister's children starve. I *sneaked out* into the cold night and walked to the baker's shop. When I broke the baker's window, I did not care who saw me. I was determined to get food for the children any way I could. I stole a *loaf* of bread, but I never got to take it home to them. I was *captured* and sent immediately to jail.

For nineteen years, no one spoke my name. I was known as 24601 because that was my prison number. Prison was a cold and lonely place. I spent my time there working hard, for I was sentenced to do so.



有一天,我看够了姐姐的孩子们饱受挨饿之苦。我悄悄地走出家门,在寒夜里,走到一家面包店。我打破了面包店的窗子,已顾不上是不是有人看到我了。我已经打定主意,不管怎么样都要给这些孩子带一些食物回去。我偷了一条面包,不过我却无法把它带回家给他们。我被捕了,而且随即就被送去坐牢。

在长达十九年的时间里,没有人提起我的名字。我变成了24601,那是我在牢里的编号。监狱是一个冷酷孤寂之地。在那里,我所有的时间都是在辛勤工作,因为我被判决服劳役。

sneak out 偷偷地走;溜出去 loaf(一条或一块)面包 capture 捕获

Finally, in October of 1815, I was once again a free man. I was given my yellow identity papers. These yellow papers meant that I had once served time as a *convict*. But I did not think about this very much at all. I was simply glad to be free.

I spent my entire first day of freedom walking. By the end of the day I was ready for a hot meal and some sleep. I had a few francs saved up while I was in prison.

"This should be more than enough, "I thought to myself.

I decided to spend my first night of freedom at the best inn in Digne. As I entered the inn, the innkeeper met me at the door.

终于,到了1815年10月,我再度恢复自由之身。我拿到了我的黄色身份证件。这些黄色文件意味着我曾经是一名囚犯。不过对此我一点都不以为然。说实在话,我很高兴又获得了自由。

在我恢复自由的第一天,我走了一整天的路。 到了傍晚,我准备好要享用一份热腾腾的晚餐,并 睡一晚好觉。我在监狱里省吃俭用存下了一些法 郎。

"这应该是绰绰有余了,"我自己暗地里思忖着。

我决定要在迪涅最上等的旅店度过我自由的 第一夜。当我步入这家旅店时,旅店老板在门口招 呼我。

convict 囚犯

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"I'd like to have some supper and a room for the night," I said. "I have plenty of money, and I will pay in advance."

"Fine, fine, sir, "said the innkeeper. "be seated, and I will have your dinner prepared."

I sat down at a table to wait for my supper. It seemed like a long time had passed, and I had not yet been served.

I noticed that the innkeeper was watching me.

"Is there a problem?" I asked, and he did not reply.

"我想吃顿晚餐,再要一个房间过夜,"我说。 "我有足够的钱,我会先付账的。"

"好,好的,先生,"老板应着。"请坐,我会把你的晚餐准备好。"

我坐在一张餐桌旁等着我的晚餐。似乎过了好 长一段时间,但还是没有人来招呼我。

我注意到老板正在打量着我。

"有什么问题吗?"我问,他没有答腔。

in advance 預先 serve 为……服务