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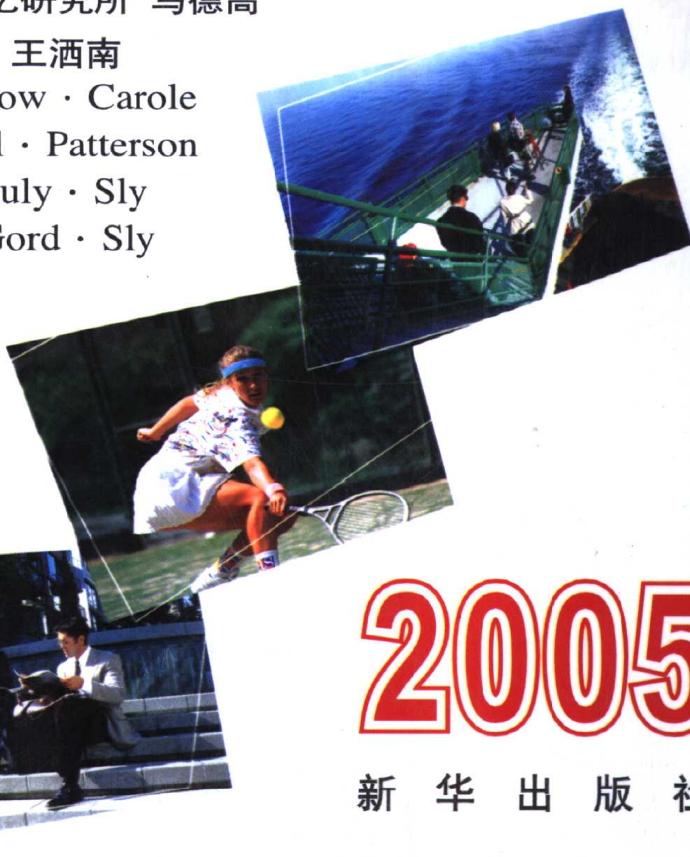
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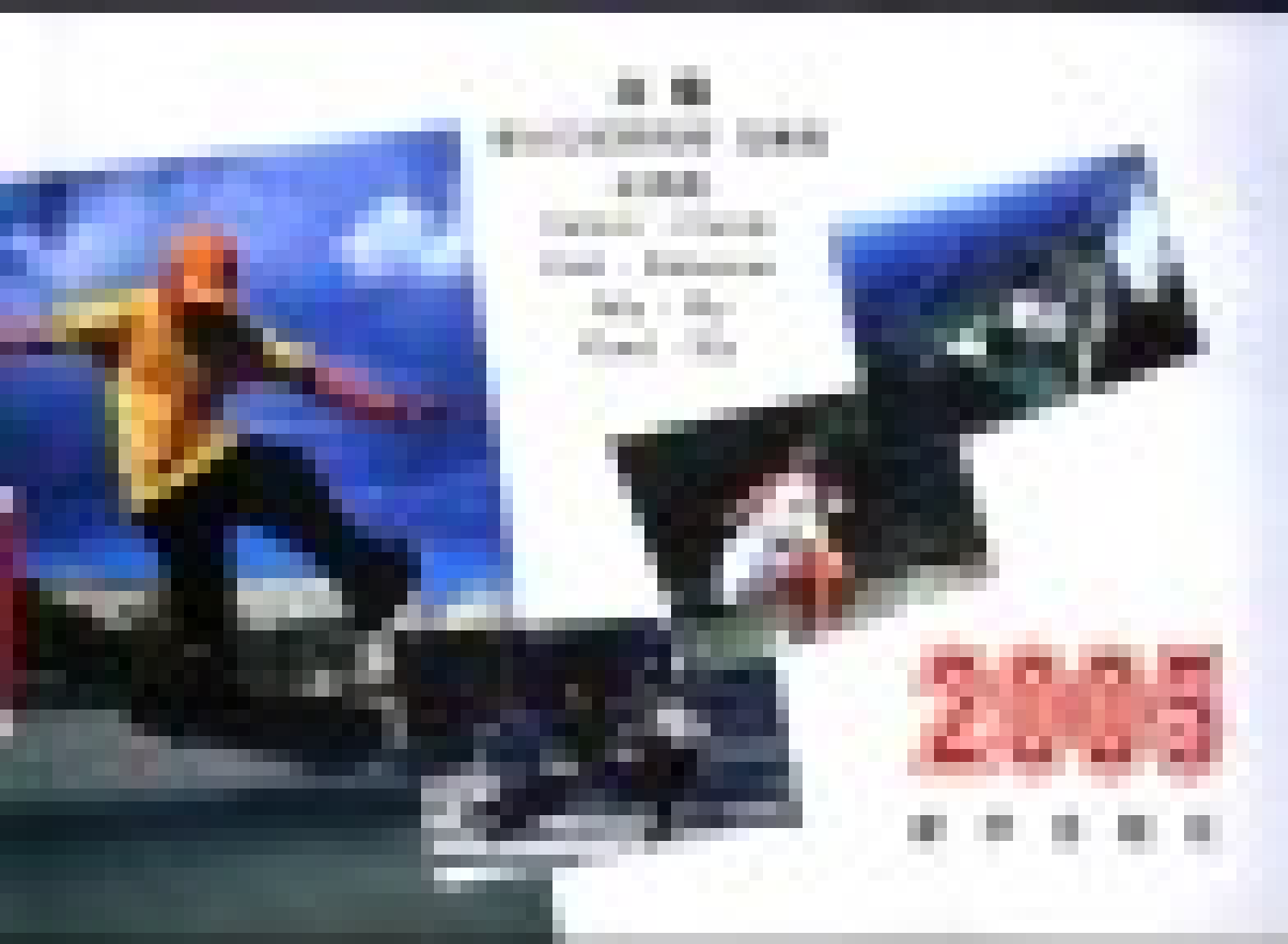


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P 前言 Preface

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词汇是英语学习的基础,词汇记忆是广大读者最感头痛的问题。关于词汇记忆,历来有两种截然不同的观点:

一说单纯背单词。单纯背单词,的确可以迅速扩大词汇量,短时间内取得突破,但是这样记忆单词,缺少语境理解,枯燥、乏味,让人视若畏途。

二说通过阅读记单词。通过阅读记单词,的确克服了死记硬背、缺乏语境的弊病,但这样泛泛地阅读,要读多少文章才能记全大纲上要求的词汇?考试临近,考生往往只能感叹远水不解近渴。

要是少量的几篇文章,涵盖大纲的词汇,那岂不是既可语境理解,又能迅速扩充,两全其美、皆大欢喜吗?

您手中的这本《星火·贯通英语》(考研),则避两说之短而取两说之长,优势互补。它精选少量自然地道美文,基本涵盖考研大纲词汇,将独具特色的星火式记忆法和寓记于读的自然学习理念完美结合,开创单词记忆的全新境界,为您开启快速扩充与语境理解珠联璧合的神奇之门,我们相信,读完本书您一定会受到一次小小的震撼!

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30 篇美文由外籍专家反复筛选、反复润色、呕心沥血而成,语言地道,情节跌宕,趣味盎然,完全克服了有些类似图书为涵盖大纲词汇而生拼硬凑因而读来无趣、嚼来无味的弊病。

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单靠阅读并不能记住所有的生词。对每篇文章中所含大纲词汇融入效果显著的星火记忆法可助您突破记忆难点。星火记忆法为语境理解锦上添花,而语境理解又使星火记忆法如虎添翼。两者优势互补,相得益彰。

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心理专家说:人的记忆中,25% 来源于视觉,15% 来源于听觉,两者结合则可达到 65% 的效果。因此,我们将每篇文章都配上英、美籍专业人士的朗读,让您听读结合,词汇、阅读、听说,三位一体,同步提高。

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对每篇文章中所含大纲词汇的主要搭配、关键短语、同义辨异等考点做了详细分析和精要讲解,有助于考生快速掌握并提高自己的应试能力。

多位外籍专家的精心选编,多位国内知名教授的倾情参与,顶尖智慧强强碰撞,中西理念珠联璧合,我们相信,本书比任何一本词汇手册更活泼有趣,比任何一本读物更快捷高效。本书将是星火英语奉献给大家的世纪词汇精品,是向传统英语学习方式发起的全新挑战。

尽管我们已竭尽全力,但惟恐有任何疏漏或不足之处,因此在本书附一意见反馈卡,我们会认真听取广大读者的意见和建议,使本书日臻完善。并欢迎广大读者提出宝贵意见。来信必复,并在此表示衷心感谢!

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读者直接阅读文章可能有一定的难度,建议先预习生词,进行初步的词汇学习之后再读文章。
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UNIT



The Permit

许可证

因生活困苦，我不得不离开家乡去外国打工。我把大部分钱都寄给了妻子和父母。然而不久，政府要求我们必须有工作许可证才能继续打工。后来，我们就遭遇到种种无理待遇……



I think the building must have been used as a farmer's winter **store** for I found piles of forgotten dried **chestnuts** and **grain** in rotten **barrels**. I tried the chestnuts but they tasted **sour**, Paulo said he would bring me food, but that was three days ago.

Yesterday, I heard a car **engine** getting closer, and climbed up to hide in the **beams** of the **patched** roof. But the men just looked in quickly through the worn-out windows and **broken** doors before they left. I **clung** to the dusty wooden beam, feeling it would bend under my weight, and tried to make no noise. My arms and legs grew **numb**, then began to **tremble**. I longed to move, but I waited until I heard the policemen drive off.

I know that they will return. When we began the final part of our journey, we were warned that the police **patrolled** the land around here regularly. They are always searching for us, or others like us; the coast of Morocco(摩洛哥) and the Presidio(要塞) of Ceuta(休达, 摩洛哥北部港市) are only ten miles away across the **Straits**.

That is how I got here; **squeezed** in with fifteen other men in a **shallow** boat meant for eight, with the cold waves reaching over the sides and the night deep and black as a **tomb**. I had never been more **scared**. I **prayed** all the way across, and thought about my family. I told myself, over and over, that I was doing it for them. That trip took almost all of my money. All of the money I had **saved** in Ecuador(厄瓜多尔). The boatmen left us on a beach in the middle of the night. We lost sight of them but we **could** still hear their small engine across the waves. Six of us started walking **inland** but the others waited for the **contacts**, the friends of the boatmen, as they had been told.

We were **lucky**; we met Paulo. We found the town and waited until the first **bar opened**; I went in alone while the others hid in the **orchard** nearby. When I asked for a cup of coffee, the young barman(侍者) looked at me and nodded. He made the coffee, then **disappeared** into the back room. Cold and without strength, I **wrapped** my hands around the warm cup, not caring whether the barman had called the police, not caring about the next moment, just about the **present**.

But the man had called Paulo, who came and helped us. Paulo was always smiling, always **happy**. He was from Seville(塞维利亚), a busy city of many people, and he knew many people. Paulo found work for us. I made good money on the farms. I picked **cabbages**, **beans**, **cucumbers** and **peas**. I picked great round yellow squashes(南瓜) that smelled of rich **perfume** when you broke them. The farmers hired us by the day, and were content. The **local** people would never work for the **wages** we were paid. But there were many farms, and many crops to be picked. We were welcomed.

I shared a small clean house in the town with seven other workers. We had journeyed from Ecuador, Colombia(哥伦比亚), Venezuela(委内瑞拉), even Argentina(阿根廷). Paulo found the house for us—he knew the **landlord** and **arranged** a good **price**. We lived well, with enough food and sometimes wine. I **earned** more in a **week** than I could in three months back home if there had been work to do there. I sent most of the money that was left to my wife and parents, and wrote many letters to them. Then the **government** changed the rules so that we needed work permits.

I **queued** with hundreds of other workers, waiting for the **application** forms. We sat on the stone benches **beneath** the trees and read the forms. Some of the other workers are from small villages and towns, and cannot read as well as I can, so I explained to them that the government wanted

我想这座建筑以前肯定是农民冬天用的仓库,因为我发现在腐烂的大桶里装有成堆被遗忘的干栗子和谷物。我尝了尝栗子,有点酸。保罗说他会给我带食物来,可那是三天前的事了。

昨天,我听到有汽车发动机的声音离这里越来越近,就爬到破屋顶处的房梁上面躲起来,但这些人只是很快地透过破旧的窗户和支离破碎的门朝里面看了几眼就离开了。我紧贴在满是尘土的木梁,感到它快被压弯了。我尽力不弄出声响。我的胳膊和腿都麻了,打着哆嗦,很想动一下,但我还是等听到警察开车走了以后才动。

我知道他们还会回来的。在我们踏上最后一段旅程之时,就有人警告我们说警察在这一带定期巡逻。他们总是在搜索我们,或者其他像我们这样的人。摩洛哥海岸和休达要塞之间只隔着一条十英里的海峡。

我们是这样到达这里的:我和另外十五个人挤在一条只能容纳八个人的小船中,小船很浅,冰冷的海浪溅到船舷上,漆黑的深夜像一座坟墓。我从来没有这么害怕过。我一路上都在祈祷,总在想我的家人。我一次次地自我安慰说我是为了他们才这么做的。这一趟几乎把我所有的钱都花光了——我在厄瓜多尔攒的所有钱。船员在午夜把我们丢在海滩上就走了。我们看不到他们,但仍可以听到小马达在海浪中发出的声音。我们中的六个人开始朝内陆走去,其他人被告知在原地等船员的朋友来接应。

我们很幸运,因为遇到了保罗。我们到了城镇,等到第一间酒吧开门,我一个人走了进去,其余的人躲在附近的果园里。我要了杯咖啡,年轻的侍者看了看我,点了点头。他把咖啡给我端上来后,就进了后面的房间。我又冷又乏,用手捧着暖和的杯子,不管这个侍者是否去叫警察。不管以后,只想当前。

但这个人叫来了帮助我们的保罗。保罗总是面带微笑,总是很快乐。他来自塞维利亚,一个有很多人口的繁华城市。保罗认识很多人,他为我们找到了工作。我们在农场上赚了不少钱。我收割卷心菜、豆子、黄瓜,还有豌豆,也摘又大又圆的黄色的南瓜。打开这些南瓜的时候,味道会很香。农场主按日雇佣我们,他们非常满意,因为当地人不会为我们这样的工资而干活。这儿有很多农场的很多庄稼要收割,所以我们很受欢迎。

我和其他的七个人同住一个房间,房间很小,但还算干净。我们分别来自厄瓜多尔、哥伦比亚、委内瑞拉,还有阿根廷。这间房子是保罗替我们找的——他认识房东,所以房租很便宜。我们住得很好,有足够的食物,有时还喝点酒。我一星期赚的钱比在家里三个月赚的还多——如果家里也有工作可做的。我把大部分剩下的钱都寄给我的妻子和父母,也给他们写了很多信。然而政府改了法令,我们要有工作许可证才行。

我和其他数以百计的人一起排队等着领申请表。我们坐在树下的石凳上读这些表格。有一些工人是从小村子或小城镇来的,不像我能阅读这些表格,于是我就解释给他们听。政府要求我们必须有出生证明、驾驶

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engine *n.* 发动机,引擎
beam *n.* 横梁,桁
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shallow *a.* 浅的
tomb *n.* 坟,冢
scare *vt.* 使害怕
pray *v.* 祈祷,祈求
save *vt.* 节省
could *aux. v.* can 的过去式
inland *ad.* 向内地(或内陆)
contact *n.* 联系人
lucky *a.* 幸运的
bar *n.* 酒吧间
open *vi.* 开门
orchard *n.* 果园
disappear *vi.* 不见,消失
wrap *vt.* 包,裹
present *n.* 现在
happy *a.* 高兴的,快乐的
cabbage *n.* 卷心菜
bean *n.* 豆,菜豆,蚕豆
cucumber *n.* 黄瓜
pea *n.* 豌豆
perfume *n.* 香气
local *a.* 当地的
wage *n.* 工资,报酬
landlord *n.* 房东
arrange *v.* 安排
price *n.* 价格,价钱
earn *vt.* 赚得,挣得,获得
week *n.* 星期,周
government *n.* 政府
queue *vi.* 排队(等候)
application *n.* 申请,申请表
beneath *prep.* 在...下面(或底下)

our birth **certificates**, driving **licenses**, **passports** and many other **documents**. Many of the workers had perhaps one or two of these documents, but most had none. I helped the others complete the forms and we gave them to the clerk. He looked at our documents, stamped the forms many times and told us that they would be sent to Madrid(马德里), and our permits would be returned in two or three months if the forms were **approved**.

We had to wait. Even Paulo and his friends could not help us.

The first month was not too bad as most of the farmers continued to use us; their crops were rich, waiting to be picked. Then some men from Madrid visited all of the farms, and maybe half of the farmers stopped using us. The farmers told us that they were sorry, and we understood them.

So the second month was worse; only a few of the farmers would use us, and those that did paid very poor wages. We shared what we had, and ate once a day: rice, **porridge**, bread, cheap food that would fill our stomachs. We began to stare at each other, and wonder which of us would find work. There were **fight**s in the morning, between different groups of workers, when the farms' supervisors(管理人, 监工) came to choose who would work that day. But still we had some hope.

We lost the house in the third month, as we had no money for **rent**. We were able to get some food from the **charity** kitchens around the town, and the church, but we found always a long queue and very little food. We took our bags and blankets and slept in the fields. Then the weather became cold and we slept where we could, huddled(聚集在一起) together, in old forgotten buildings and alleys(小巷). Sometimes I dreamed of my family, and when I awoke, I wished the dream could continue.

The people of the town stared at us from the sides of their eyes as they passed us. They clenched(握紧) their hands and **muttered**, and some of them **spat** on the **pavement**. A few of us were attacked and beaten in the dark, and driven from the parks and streets. All of the time, the police told us to move on, move on.

It is the **end** of the third month when it happened.

The farmers hired **coaches** and sent them into the town. From four o'clock in the morning we waited in **agitating** silence, hands pushed deep into pockets, our hats pulled down tight against the cold and the watching policemen.

By the time the coaches arrived, there were hundreds of workers waiting in the darkness. We pressed forward as the doors opened. The supervisors stood on the bottom steps of the coaches and asked, "who has the permit?"

The men with permits held them up and were allowed onto the coaches.

Some of the workers were from the countries in Europe and did not need permits, so they were allowed on when they showed their passports. I went from coach to coach until I saw a group of Chileans(智利人), who I knew have no permits, climbing **aboard** awaiting coach. The leader of their group **spoke** first with the supervisor and shook his hand, then they were taken on. I stood before the supervisor.

"You have the permit?" he asked me. He was **broad**, stout(肥胖的) and filled the **doorway** of the coach. His fat neck **spilt** from the upturned(朝上翻的) collar of his **leather** jacket. His hair was **shaven** close to his head. I explained to him that my application was **rejected** but I would try again.

证、护照,和很多其他的资料。很多工人可能有一两个这样的证件,而大多数人一个也没有。我帮助他们填表,然后交给一个职员。他看了我们的文件,在这些表格上盖了很多章,告诉我们这些表格会被寄往马德里;如果通过,我们的许可证两三个月内就会发下来。

我们只好等着,连保罗和他的朋友也帮不了我们。

第一个月还不算太坏,因为大多数的农场主还继续雇佣我们,他们的等着收割的庄稼很多。后来,一些从马德里来的人把所有的农场走了个遍,大约有一半的农场主就不再雇佣我们了。他们对我们说很抱歉,对此我们能够理解。

所以第二个月就糟糕了,只有很少的农场主还在雇佣我们,他们付给我们非常低的工资。我们有物共享,一天只吃一顿饭,以大米、麦片粥、面包等廉价食物来填饱肚子。我们一个盯着一个,看谁能找到工作。在农场监工来挑选工人的早上,不同的两帮工人总会发生冲突。但我们毕竟还有些希望。

第三个月,由于没钱付房租,我们只得搬出那间房子。我们可以在城中的慈善食堂和教堂里领取一点食物,但这些地方总是排着长长的队,食物却很少。我们带着包和毯子睡在田野里。天气冷了,我们就蜷缩着,挤在一起,睡在任何可以睡的地方,比如废弃的建筑或小巷里。有时我会梦见我的家人,醒来时还希望梦能继续做下去。

城里的人经过我们身边时,用眼角斜视我们。他们捏着拳头,嘴里咕啞着,有的人还往人行道上吐唾沫。我们中有些人暗地里遭到殴打和袭击,被人从公园和街道上赶走。警察不断地把我们从一个地方赶到另一个地方。

在第三个月月底,终于出事了。

农场主们租了长途客车驶进镇里。从早晨四点开始,我们就在焦急的沉默中等待着,把手深深地插在口袋里,又把帽子拉下来抵御寒冷,也挡住警察的视线。

汽车到达时已经有数百人在黑暗中等待了。车门打开的时候,我们朝前挤去。监工站在汽车底部的踏板上问:“谁有许可证?”

有许可证的人把它们高高地举起来,上了汽车。

有一些工人是从欧洲国家来的,不需要许可证,所以他们出示护照后就上了车。我从一辆车走到另一辆车,看到一群智利人。我知道他们没有许可证,却也爬上了一辆车。这群智利人的头头先和监工说了几句话,握了握手,然后就上车了。我站到这个监工面前。

“你有许可证吗?”他问我。他身材很粗壮,把汽车门都堵住了。他肥胖的脖子从皮茄克的翻领里鼓出来,头发理得很短。我向他解释说我的申请被拒绝了,但我还要再申请一次。

certificate *n.* 证书,证件
license *n.* 许可证,执照
passport *n.* 护照
document *n.* 公文,文件,文献
approve *vt.* 批准,核准
porridge *n.* 粥,麦片粥
fight *v.* 打仗
rent *n.* 租金
charity *n.* 慈善,宽容
mutter *vi.* 咕啞,抱怨
spit *vi.* 吐唾沫(或痰)
pavement *n.* 人行道
end *n.* 末尾,最后部分
coach *n.* 长途汽车
agitate *v.* 使不安,使焦虑
aboard *prep.* 车上
speak *vi.* 说话,讲话
broad *a.* 宽的
doorway *n.* 门口
spill *v.* 溢出
leather *n.* 皮革,皮革制品
shave *v.* 剃,刮
reject *vt.* 拒绝

"Come back when you have a permit," he told me. He **frowned** as he inhaled(吸入, 吸气) a smoke and looked down the **avenue** to where the policemen were watching the coaches. I explained to him that I was a hard worker, that I had eaten only once in three days, that I was eager to work and send money to my family.

He looked at the policemen, who had started walking along the pavement beside the coaches, and **glared** at me and said, "Go to Madrid and tell them."

The Chileans were laughing and pointing at me through the coach windows.

The supervisor **tossed** his half-finished **cigarette** into the gutter(排水沟) by my foot. At the moment I **stabbed** him in the stomach. He bent down with a small cry.

The policemen looked at us and I began to run away from the coaches, into the dark side streets. I heard loud running steps close behind me, and the **roar** of car engines.

I **slid** into the shadows of a shop's back door, behind two tall metal **containers** that stank(发出臭味) of rotten meat and **spoiled foodstuff**. I **gasped**, and each breath burnt. My heart **hammered** against my chest.

I waited for a long time until the sounds of the cars and people **faded**. I walked slowly to the end of the alley and looked out, but the streets were empty.

I had run almost to the river; I could hear it rushing in the darkness beneath me.

My right hand felt cold. I looked down in the yellow light of a street lamp, and saw my hand still clenched into a fist. It looked like the hand of another person, not part of me. A short blade(刀刃), no longer than my **thumb**, stuck out from the fist. The blade, my fist, and my **sleeve** were all **stained** dark red.

Paulo gave me the knife when I picked cucumbers on the farms. The short blade was very sharp, made for cutting the **plants'** stalks(植物的茎).

I scrambled(爬) down to the banks of the river and threw the knife into the river water. I heard it **splashed** far away. The river touched my feet. I **bowed** down and washed my sleeve and hands, although the water was so cold, like ice, that my hand became numb. Then I walked back up to the street.

I found some of the other workers hiding in the deserted **warehouse** we had found. One of them went to find Paulo, who came and told me about the old farm buildings near to the coast road. I waited until darkness before I followed the road out of the town, throwing myself into the **ditch** if I heard a car **approaching**.

The weather has been clear and I have seen the coast of Morocco every day. Across the blue sea, the land is a **strip** of dark brown and gray, and looks close enough for me to touch. Maybe I could find an old **tractor** tyre **tube** around the farm and float across the Straits? Or maybe I could walk along the shore and steal a boat?

I do not want to become a **thief**. I am an honest man who wants only to work and support his family. But what can I do?

I will wait here for Paulo and listen to him. He will tell me what to do for the best. I know that he will help me.