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Leonardo da Vinci

列奥纳多・达・芬奇

1452 - 1519

the man who painted the Mona Lisa 《蒙娜丽莎》的创作者



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Leonardo da Vinci

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I had many careers during my life. I was a painter, an architect, an engineer and a scientist. But I was also a dreamer who dreamed of the future. Some of the things I dreamed about only happened many years after my death.

I was born, on 15th April 1452, in a village near the Italian town of Vinci. In those days, all the great cities of Italy were separate countries. Vinci belonged to the city of Florence.

My father, Piero Fruosino di Antonio da Vinci, was a lawyer in Florence. My mother, who was called Caterina, was a poor girl from the village. My father gave me a good education, and 4

perhaps he wanted me to become a lawyer like him. However, my interest was in art.

When I was 14, I became an apprentice¹ of the artist Andrea del Verrocchio. I worked with him for ten years while he taught me. He taught me the arts of painting and drawing as well as metalwork² and other arts. Soon, I began to help my teacher with his paintings.

I was a good student, and by the age of 20, I was a member of a group of people called the Guild of Saint Luke. Some of the people in this group were artists, but others were doctors. The detailed drawings that artists made of parts of the human body – anatomical drawings – were important for doctors. So the two groups of people spent time together.

I enjoyed making these scientific drawings. But I also made religious[®] pictures. My patrons[®] always wanted these, and I was good at drawing and painting people. I could easily draw things that were in front of me, like many other artists. But I could also draw things that didn't exist. Having this skill made me an inventor[®] as well as an artist. All my life, I used my imagination, as well as my eyes and hands. I used them all to invent things, as well as to make pictures.

In 1481, the monks at Scopeto commissioned me to make a picture for them. I started work on the painting, which was called *The Adoration of the Magi*. But I didn't finish the job. I had

① apprentice n. 学徒 ② metalwork n. 金属制品的制造 (或加工), 金属制品 ③ detailed adj. 详细的 ④ religious adj. 宗教的 ⑤ patron n. 赞助人 ⑥ inventor n. 发明家 ⑦ monk n. 修士, 僧侣 ⑧ commission v. 委托

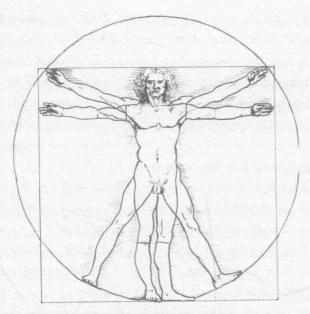
to leave Florence suddenly. Why was this? I'd made a musical instrument¹ from silver. It was a kind of harp² which looked like a horse's head. A prince called Lorenzo de' Medici heard about this instrument. Lorenzo was the ruler of the city at that time. He decided to send me to Milan with the instrument. He wanted to give it to his enemy, Ludovico Sforza, the ruler of Milan. He wanted Florence to make peace with Milan and he hoped that his present could help this to happen.

I did what Lorenzo wanted me to do, and for the next 17 years I spent most of my time working in Milan. It was there in 1483, that I made the first of my two paintings of The Virgin of the Rocks. Two years later, I painted The Lady with an Ermine. These paintings later became very famous. I also designed a kind of parachute⁴ at that time.

In 1487, I made a drawing which is also very famous. I was very interested in proportions at that time. And I was interested in the work of Vitruvius. This ancient Roman architect had written a lot about the subject. He thought that there were rules about proportions in nature. And he thought that there were similar rules for the proportions between the different parts of buildings. I agreed with him. My drawing, which is now called The Vitruvian Man, shows a man's body. The arms and legs of the man are drawn in two different positions. And the man is contained by both a circle and a square. I thought that the proportions between the parts of a human body were interesting. I thought that they were like the proportions in art and architecture and in the rest of nature. I wrote my thoughts about this subject next to my drawing.

① instrument n. 仪器 ② harp n. 竖琴 ③ make peace with 与某人和解

④ parachute n. 降落伞 ⑤ proportion n. 比例



Leonardo da Vinci's Vitruvian Man

Those years in Milan were very busy for me, and I worked on the <u>cathedral</u> in the city, as well as on paintings for rich patrons. I also made a <u>ceramic</u> model of a horse, called the *Gran Cavallo*. My idea was to make a very large copy of this model, using the metal called bronze. It didn't happen – the bronze <u>version</u> was never made. Why? Unfortunately, the government of the city used the bronze to make large guns. They needed guns to defend Milan from its enemies.

While I was in Milan, I heard from my mother. Her health wasn't good. She came to live with me in 1493, and she died two years later. I went on with my work. Between 1495 and 1498, I

created a large mural in a church. The painting was called The Last Supper. But Milan was no longer a safe place, and in 1499, a French army, led by King Louis the Twelfth, invaded the city. I didn't stay to fight. I was 48 years old and I wasn't well. I couldn't fight.

I left Milan and I went to live in Venice. I was too old for fighting, but I could design buildings and machines for defence against enemies. The people of Venice soon asked me to design defences for their beautiful city. So I became a military architect and engineer for a year. But after I finished that work, I didn't want to stay in Venice. I decided to move back to my home city, Florence.

I enjoyed being in Florence again. I lived in a monastery⁴, so I was able to paint in the monks' workshop 5. I used it as my studio⁶. And there were so many beautiful buildings in the city! I loved walking through the streets and looking at the details of the architecture. But I also enjoyed looking at the natural world. I looked especially at the birds. They sang happily and flew happily through the air. 'If they can fly, why can't I do that?' I asked myself. 'Why can't men and women fly too?'

That question stayed in my mind, and I made some quick drawings - some sketches. I wanted to invent a flying machine. So I made sketches of flying machines that had moving wings. They were only sketches. 'But one day,' I told myself, 'people will be

① mural n. 壁画 ② invade v. 人侵 ③ military adj. 军事的 ④ monastery n. 修道院 ⑤ workshop n. 车间, 作坊 ⑥ studio n. 工作室 ⑦ detail n. 细节

able to fly.'

I dreamed of flying, but all around me people were talking about war. In 1502, Cesare Borgia, the city's new leader, asked me to work for him. I designed weapons for him, and military buildings. In those days, I had to spend a lot of time travelling. There were long journeys on bad roads. These journeys were very tiring. Between my travels I tried to paint, but it was difficult to finish many pictures. In 1506, I decided to return again to Milan.

Milan was now a safe place for me, and I had a lot of work to do there. It included many different projects, from church paintings to military designs. I often had to interrupt my artistic work while I did other jobs. Sometimes these interruptions were very long. For example, in 1503, I started painting the *Mona Lisa*, my most famous portrait, but I wasn't able to complete it until 1519. During this time, I was able to return to my medical studies. In 1510 and 1511, I cut up dead bodies and made detailed anatomical drawings of parts of them. I completed over 200 of these.

During my life, I made about 2,500 drawings of different kinds. It's a strange fact that very many of these still exist, but fewer than twenty of my paintings can still be seen. Why is this? Have bad people destroyed them? No, they've disappeared and it was my fault. I often made experiments with new kinds of paint. Some of my new paints weren't very good. Many of my paintings destroyed themselves, because of my bad paints.

In 1513, I moved again. This time, I moved to Rome. The

① weapon n. 武器 ② interrupt v. 中断 ③ interruption n. 中断 ④ portrait n. 肖像