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# 关于故事和说故事的人

## 查尔斯・狄更斯 (1812~1870)

Charles Dickens



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查尔斯·狄更斯,英国小说家。由于出身贫寒,从小没有在学校接受过正规的教育,他12岁便开始在工厂工作。19世纪初,资本主义开始盛行,这为英国大城市带来了繁荣,同时也造成了许多阴暗面:童工泛滥,工人阶级的生活极度困苦。狄更斯亲身体验到了社会的不公平,他开始通过自学创作小说,同时坚信只有学习才能使他脱离贫困。狄更斯凭借自己的亲身经历在小说中生动地描写了工人阶级大众的日常生活以及他们的喜怒哀乐,因而他的作

品很受欢迎。狄更斯还通过诙谐的描写大胆地揭露了社会的不公正现象和社会矛盾。狄更斯最著名的作品包括《远大前程》和《雾都孤儿》等。1870年6月9日,查尔斯·狄更斯去世。他安息于威斯敏斯特教堂,与英国其他伟大的作家葬在一起。尽管人们常批评狄更斯为迎合读者的口味而过于多愁善感,但狄更斯仍与伟大的英国剧作家莎士比亚一样备受尊重,究其原因就是狄更斯创造的人物不仅被赋予了人性和幽默,同时还体现出人类真正的乐观和生命力。

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# 如何 使用本书

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"Come," said the ghost. "There is still one child le at the school."

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w," said Scrooge sadly, "I know," And the

The school was cold and dark now. One little boy sat reading at a desk. Scrooge sat down at a desk next to him and began to cry.

"It's, it's me," Scrooge said. "Once, when I was a boy, I was left alone here on Christmas. My father and mother weren't at home. Now, suddenly, I wish I had..." Scrooge's voice grew quiet.

"What? What do you wish?" the ghost asked politely.

"Nothing, it's too late now," Scrooge said with heavy sadness. "It's just that last night a young boy came to wy office window and sang me a Christmas carol. But I gave him nothing. I just got angry and told him to leave. Now, I wish I had given him something..."

The ghost smiled. "It's time to see another Christmas.





□ politely act. 客气地、礼教地

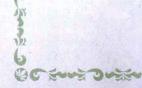


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# Before You Bend 阅读准备



### Scrooge 斯克罗吉

My name is Ebenezer Scrooge. I hate to spend money or give money away. I have only one thing to say about Christmas, "Bah, humbug!"

我叫埃比尼泽·斯克罗吉。我讨厌花钱,也不喜欢捐钱 做善事。对于圣诞节,我只会说:"呸,骗人的东西!"



### Marley 马利

I am Jacob Marley. I used to be partners with Ebenezer Scrooge. Unfortunately, I died seven years ago. Now, I must wear a chain and walk through the world of the living.

我叫雅各布·马利。我过去是埃比尼泽·斯克罗吉的合伙人。不幸的是我七年前去世了。现在,我必须戴着一条链子在活人的世界里行走。



### Bob Crachit 鲍勃·克拉奇蒂

I am Bob Crachit. I work for Mr. Scrooge as a clerk. I have a beautiful family and a good life. I work very hard, but sadly I don't make much money.

我叫鲍勃·克拉奇蒂。我受雇于斯克罗吉先生。我有一个幸福的家庭,过着快乐的生活。我工作非常努力,但可惜赚的钱不多。



### Fred 弗雷德

My name is Fred. I am Mr. Scrooge's nephew. I am quite different from my uncle. I like to laugh and spend time with my lovely family. I guess I take after my mother.

我叫弗雷德,是斯克罗吉先生的外甥。我与我的舅舅截 然不同。我喜欢笑,喜欢与我可爱的家人在一起。我猜我像 妈妈。



### Chistmas Ghost of Past 昔日圣诞幽灵

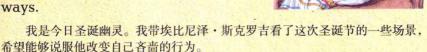
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I am the Ghost of Christmas Past. I show Ebenezer Scrooge his past Christmases. I try to make him see his faults by reminding him of better times.

我是昔日圣诞幽灵。我让埃比尼泽·斯克罗吉看到他过去过圣诞节的场景。通过让他想起从前美好的时光,我想帮助他看到自己的过错。

### Christmas Ghost of Present 今日圣诞幽灵

I am the Ghost of Christmas Present. I show Ebenezer Scrooge scenes from this Christmas, which will hopefully convince him to change his miserly ways.





### Christmas Ghost of Future 未来圣诞幽灵

I am the Ghost of Christmas Future. I must show Ebenezer Scrooge what waits for him in the future if he remains a heartless, mean old man.

我是未来圣诞幽灵。我必须让埃比尼泽·斯克罗吉知道,如果他继续做一个无情、吝啬的老头儿的话,未来等待他的会是什么。

### CHAPTER 1 第1章

# Scrooge 斯克罗吉

A long, long time ago, Scrooge and Marley had been good business partners. Each had tried to work harder than the other. Each had wanted to be richer than the other.

Even now, seven years after Marley had died, the company was still called 'Scrooge and Marley.'

If you went to their office, that is what you would see on the door, 'Scrooge and Marley.' But now the only owner was Scrooge.

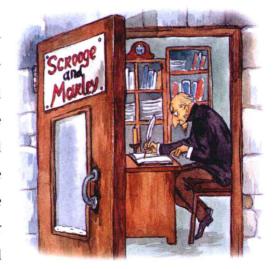
Scrooge was known by everyone to be mean, miserly, and cold.

#### KEY WORDS

- □ business partner 生意伙伴
- □ call v. 叫做
- □ owner n. 所有者

- mean adj. 吝啬的
- miserly adj. 贪婪的
- 🗆 cold adj. 冷漠的

He hated spending money and he hated giving money away even more. And cold? Scrooge's thin white lips, icy blue nose, and tiny red eyes showed the cold. His weak, brittle voice could make you hear the cold. Feeling the cold



was the worst — he kept his office very, very cold, especially at Christmas. He hated to buy charcoal for the fire, so his office was always cold and dark.

#### KEY WORDS

- □ hate ν. 不愿, 讨厌
- give away 赠送
- □ tiny *adj*. 极小的

- □ weak *adi*. (声音) 虚弱的
- □ brittle adj. (声音)尖利的
- □ charcoal n. 木炭

## One Point Lesson

Each **had tried** to work harder than the other. 他们俩谁都想比对方更努力地工作。

had + 过去分词: 过去完成时态,表示在过去的某一时间之前已经完成该动作。

**e.g.** I **had lived** in Beijing before I moved to Shanghai two years ago. 我两年前搬到上海之前住在北京。

Though it was only three o'clock in the afternoon, it was already getting dark because of the heavy, wet fog. The only other person in the office was Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's clerk. Bob was sitting next to a tiny fire. He tried warming his hands over the candle he was using for light, but that couldn't help.



#### **KEY WORDS**

- □ though conj. 虽然
- □ heavy *adj.* (雾气)浓重的 □ warm ν. 使温暖
- □ clerk n. 雇员, 职员

"Merry Christmas, Uncle!" a cheerful voice suddenly said. It was Scrooge's young nephew, Fred.

"Bah, humbug," answered Scrooge. He looked angry about having his work interrupted.

"Humbug?! Why do you think Christmas is a humbug, Uncle?" Fred looked warm. "Surely you don't mean that. Everyone likes Christmas."

"Yes, I do mean it," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas, what is there to be merry about? Aren't you poor? You have nothing to be happy about."

"Well, why aren't you happy, Uncle? You are very rich," Fred answered with a smile.

#### KEY WORDS

- □ cheerful adj. 高兴的
- □ suddenly adv. 突然
- □ nephew n. 外甥
- □ bah *int.* (表示轻蔑、厌恶等)呸!
- □ humbug n. 骗人的东西, 胡扯
- □ angry adj. 生气的

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- □ interrupt ν. 打断
- □ surely adv. 想必
- □ mean ν. 意指 (mean-meant-meant)

Scrooge was getting angry. "There are many fools in the world wishing each other 'Merry Christmas' when they don't even have any money!"

"Uncle, please! It's such a nice time of year."

"Nice?! What is nice? I never make any money on Christmas because no one ever works."

Scrooge didn't understand Christmas.

"But Christmas isn't about money, Uncle." said Fred.
"I love Christmas. It's a time to be happy and generous!"



#### KEY WORDS

- □ wish ν. 祝愿
- □ each other 互相

- □ make money 挣钱
- □ generous adj. 慷慨的