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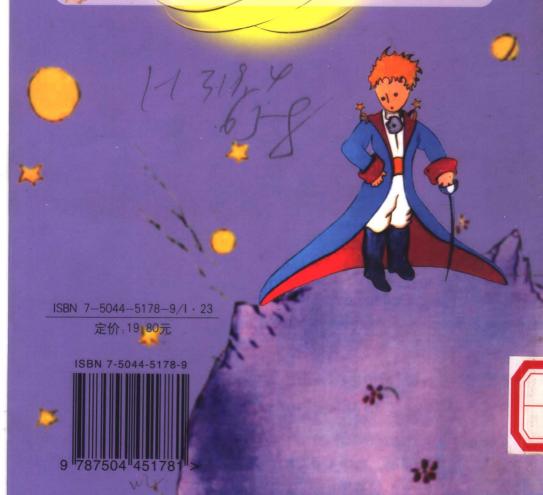
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To Leon Werth

I ask the indulgence of the children who may read this book for dedicating it to a grown-up.I have a serious reason; he is the best friend I have in the world.I have another reason; this grown-up understands everything, even books about children.I have a third reason; he lives in France where he is hungry and cold.He needs cheering up.If all these reasons are not enough, I will dedicate the book to the child from whom this grown-up grew. All grown-ups were once children—although few of them remember it.And so I correct my dedication;

To Leon Werth when he was a little boy

献给列翁·维尔特

我真诚地希望孩子们能够原谅我把这本书献给了一个大人。我之所以这样做,是因为我有三个非常重要的理由。第一个就是:这个大人是我在世界上的最好的朋友。另外一个是:这个大人他什么都懂,即使是给孩子们写的书他也能够读懂。我的第三个理由就是:这个大人他居住在法国,他在那里挨饿、受冻,所以他非常需要安慰。如果你们认为这些理由还不够的话,那么我也非常愿意把这本书献给儿童时代的这个大人。毕竟所有的大人都曾经是孩子。(可惜,只有很少的一部分大人还能够记得这一点。)因此,我就把献词改成了:

献给还是童年时代的列翁·维尔特





[Chapter 1]

Once when I was six years old I saw a magnificent picture in a book, called True Stories from Nature, about the primeval forest. It was a picture of a boa constrictor in the act of swallowing an animal. Here is a copy of the drawing.

In the book it said: "Boa constrictors swallow their prey whole, without chewing it. After that they are not able to move, and they sleep through the six months that they need for digestion."

I pondered deeply, then, over the adventures of the jungle. And after some work with a colored 2

在我六岁那年,我阅读了一本描写原始森林的书,名字叫《真实的故事》,在这本书里我看到了一幅十分精美的插图,画面中有一条蟒蛇正在吞食着一只巨大的野兽。下面就是那幅画的样本。



在这本书中这样描写道:"这些蟒蛇得到了它们的猎获物后,根本就不加咀嚼地囫囵吞下,然后它们就不能再动弹了,将在长长的6个月的睡眠中慢慢地消化这些食物。"

当时,我对这些丛林中的奇遇想得很多很多,于是,我就用彩色的铅笔画出了我的第一幅图画。这就是我的第一

pencil I succeeded in making my first drawing.My Drawing Number One. It looked like this:

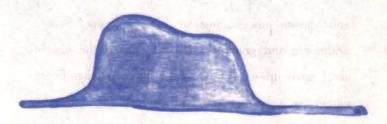
I showed my masterpiece to the grown-ups, and asked them whether the drawing frightened them.

But they answered: "Frighten? Why should any one be frightened by a hat?"

My drawing was not a picture of a hat.It was a picture of a boa constrictor digesting an elephant.But since the grown-ups were not able to understand it, I made another drawing: I drew the inside of the boa constrictor, so that the grown-ups could see it clearly. They always need to have things explained. My Drawing Number Two looked like this:

The grown -ups' response, this time, was to advise me to lay aside my drawings of boa constrictors, whether from the inside or the outside,

号作品。它是这样的:



我拿着我的这幅杰作向大人们展示,我问他们能不能看出我画的是什么,他们是不是感到害怕。

他们看了后回答说: "不过是一顶帽子吗,有什么可怕的呢?"

但是我画的并不是一顶帽子啊,而是一条巨大的蟒蛇 正在消化着他吞食的一头大象。于是我又把这条巨蟒肚子 里面的情况都画了出来,以便让大人们能够看明白。这些 大人总是需要别人加以解释。我的第二号作品是这样的:



大人们劝我应该把这些开着肚皮的蟒蛇,与合上肚皮的蟒蛇的图画都放在一边,建议我还是应该把兴趣放



and devote myself instead to geography, history, arithmetic and grammar. That is why, at the age of six, I gave up what might have been a magnificent career as a painter. I had been disheartened by the failure of my Drawing Number One and my Drawing Number Two. Grown—ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.

So then I chose another profession, and learned to pilot airplanes. I have flown a little over all parts of the world; and it is true that geography has been very useful to me. At a glance I can distinguish China from Arizona. If one gets lost in the night, such knowledge is valuable.

In the course of this life I have had a great many encounters with a great many people who have been concerned with matters of consequence.

I have lived a great deal among grown-ups. I

在地理、历史、算术和语法上。就这样,在六岁的那年,我就放弃了成为画家这一美好的理想。我的第一号、第二号作品的失败,使我感到非常沮丧。这些大人们,依靠他们自己是什么也弄不懂的,需要别人不断地给他们做出解释。孩子们却对此感到非常的腻味。

后来,我就只好选择了另外的一个职业。我学会了开飞机,世界各地我差不多都飞过。的确,地理学知识给了我很大的帮助。我一眼就能够分辨出哪里是中国,哪里是亚里桑那。如果在夜里迷失了航向,这些知识就会非常有用。

这样一来,在我的生活中,我和许多对事情的结果感兴趣的人都有过非常多的接触。我和大人们在一起生活了





have seen them intimately, close at hand. And that hasn't much improved my opinion of them.

Whenever I met one of them who seemed to me at all clear-sighted, I tried the experiment of showing him my Drawing Number One, which I have always kept. I would try to find out, so, if this was a person of true understanding. But, whoever it was, he, or she, would always say:

"That is a hat."

Then I would never talk to that person about boa constrictors, or primeval forests, or stars. I would bring myself down to his level. I would talk to him about bridge, and golf, and politics, and neckties. And the grown -up would be greatly pleased to have met such a sensible man.