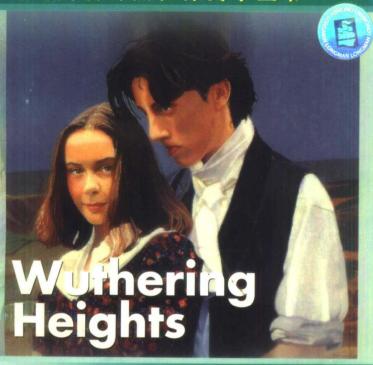
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三姐妹在孩提时代就极少与村外其他人家往来。她们把大部 分时间都消磨在到周围的旷野上去散步。他们姐弟们互相编造故 事,以杜撰的人物住在杜撰的国家里干着狂野和有趣的事情为故 事内容。这种杜撰的世界已经成为从他们所住的小村子里逃避开 去的一种途径。这个杜撰的世界对艾米莉来说尤为重要,其至在 她长大成人之后仍然至关重要。另外一个从这个沉闷的现实世界 逃避开去的途径就是阅读。由于她们几乎没有机会看到新书、所 以她们阅读的大部分小说和诗歌都是写于十九世纪初叶的。在那 时作家把感情和自然放在重要的地位(特别是强烈的、激动人心 的感情以及狂野和美丽的自然)。她们自己创作的小说亦受到她 们所读过的那些书以及她们的孩提时代所想象而杜撰编造的故事 的影响。这些小说与1840 年代其他人写的更为"文雅"的小说洞 然不同。虽然早先的批评家们同意《呼啸山庄》这部作品的强大 力度,但是他们还是把它描述成粗野与令人作呕。当后来得知小 说的作者是位女性时(艾米莉出版该书时用的是另一个假名),它 被人认为更是骇人听闻。

这个故事设计得非常之有条理:呼啸山庄的恩萧先生和太太

以及画眉田庄的林惇先生和太太各执一儿一女。林惇夫妇之子与恩萧夫妇之女结了婚,而他们唯一的孩子凯瑟琳又先后与她的两个表兄结了婚。那位大凯瑟琳的生活是以凯瑟琳·恩萧起始的,而以凯瑟琳·林惇结束;而其女的生活则以凯瑟琳·林惇起始,而在小说之结尾处,她马上就要成为凯瑟琳·恩萧了。她,这位林惇家族的最末一员将同恩萧家族的最末一员结婚。另外,这两座庄园,呼啸山庄和画眉田庄是以截然不同的对立形象出现的。呼啸山庄高高地矗立在旷野上,经受着狂风和恶劣天气的现的。呼啸山庄高高地矗立在旷野上,经受着狂风和恶劣天气的震奋。山庄的布置简单平实,住在那里的人粗鲁狂野。而画眉田庄安坐在山谷之中,躲开了风暴的袭击。田庄的布置华丽阔气,住在那里的人顺从间或软弱。这两座庄园代表着两种截然不同的生命方式,而悲剧的起因大部分归咎于那个大凯瑟琳:她为画眉田庄的人和生活所吸引,而她却没有能够认识到她自己的本性。哈里顿和小凯瑟琳,他俩是爱的结晶,他们具备自己父母的好品格。而林惇,那个仇恨的结晶,则具备自己父亲的坏品格。

对于大多数读者来说,这部小说能够久久留存在他们的脑海之中并非小说的严密结构,而在于希斯克利夫和大凯瑟琳两人之间那种狂野而强烈的难解难分的爱情。正如大凯瑟琳告诉耐莉的那样:"我对希斯克利夫的爱于我的生命必不可少,我就是希斯克利夫!"所以在她死后希斯克利夫会大声呼喊:"别在此地离开我!没有了我的生命,我可无法活啊!"希的暴烈而强有力个性主宰了整部小说。他从旷野上两个庄园之外的那个世界走来,他改变了其他所有人物的生活,无论那些人是爱他,恨他,还是惧怕他。(他是个如此强劲的人物,只有那种极端的感情才可能接近他。)十九世纪初叶许多英国小说都拥有一位阴暗、危险而又狂

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暴的男主角, 然则由于他对女主人公的爱情而变得温顺、故事又 常有一个快乐的结尾。如同这样一些男主人公, 希斯克利夫亦有 一个神秘莫测的起始 (从来不知道他的父母是谁以及他最初讲的 是什么语言),而目他的所作所为亦神秘莫测(从未告诉过我们在 他离开呼啸山庄的三年之中他去过哪里或他是如何变富的)。从 孩提到成年他遭受恶劣待遇, 如若他将来能够为此而报仇。他运 用自己的才智和决心使他人按照他的要求行事。他以使弱者受苦 而感快乐,然而他也以自身深受苦难的形象出现,并且没有任何 希望能使他自己的痛苦得到安慰。凯瑟琳死后,对于他来说未来 充满如此之痛苦, 干是他恳求她, 宁愿让她的阴魂缠住他, 使他发 疯,而不要让他独留人世,因为没有了她而感觉空虚。到最后,他 其至再也感受不到复仇的快乐。他失却了消灭他的敌人以及欣赏 他们受苦受难的意志。他唯一能做的事就是热切地盼望自己与凯 瑟琳重逢的时刻。他与她交谈, 仿佛她就在面前, 并杨言说他已 经接近自己的天堂——到那时,他俩又能够重新相聚。他的脸在 死时依然露出对他身后在世的人们及生活的凶相和蔑视。

希斯克利夫和大凯瑟琳性格中的狂暴不羁,亦反射了当地周围一带的荒凉以及气候的狂暴,凯瑟琳把她对希斯克利夫的爱比作永恒不变的岩石,仿佛那是一种自然的力量。她病倒时要求打开窗子,那样她可以再一次感受从旷野吹过来的风。而希斯克利夫在临终时也把窗子大开,以便感受风雨。风,是一股强劲的力量贯穿着整部小说。呼啸山庄周围那强劲的风把它四周生长的树吹得改变了原有的天然形状,而同样的形象亦用在承受暴力待遇的人身上。希斯克利夫在孩童时曾被苛待,他看管那孩子哈里顿时曾这样说:"让我们看看,在同一股风的吹拂之下,一棵树会不

会像另一棵树一样地长得弯弯曲曲!"所以毫不奇怪,像洛克乌德 先生那样一个来自上流社会的陌生人,会被告诫若是在狂暴的气候中,在旷野上会有迷路的危险,或在冬天在旷野上赶路之后他就 会病倒。

小说给予同情的人物是那些对上流社会并不循规蹈矩的人。 大凯瑟琳的表现被认为是完全不符合贵妇人的身份: 当她是个女 孩时,她把时间花费在同希斯克利夫一起在旷野上狂野地奔跑 上。当她成为妇人时,她故意折磨伊莎贝拉。她自私的脾气会突 然强烈爆发,并且明确表示自己关注希斯克利夫更其于她丈夫。 她肯定不是作为一个完美的女主人公形象而出现的:她的行为、那 种给她自己以及他人带来不幸和痛苦的行为,也并非由于她的"狂 野不羁"所造成,而是由于遵循上流社会的准则而造成。以那个 社会的看法,她不能够同一个社会地位低下的人结婚,否则就会 降低她自己的地位。而嫁给一位富人她就能够成为"这一带最高 贵的女人"。她的高尚品质在于她的诚实、意即她始终明白无误 地将自己的感情表露出来: 当希斯克利夫失踪时, 她表现出悲痛; 当希斯克利夫归来时,她表现出快乐。她向伊莎贝拉无情地描述 希斯克利夫的性格,她抱怨耐莉没有更多地表露出对她的关心, 或是她告诉自己那焦虑的丈夫,"你是一旦需要时,永远也找不着 的那种东西。"

以同样的方式,作者对故事以及事件发生的时间都作了周密的安排,对讲述故事的方式作了非常周密的组织。主要故事由洛克乌德讲述,他于那个地区及人们均是个陌生人。而在主要故事里面又有另一个故事,由耐莉•丁对他讲述。耐莉对当地的人和事都很熟稔,而她的故事中又包含着其他人物告诉她的一些事。(例如,伊莎贝拉信中的讯息,还有小凯瑟琳对她拜访呼啸山庄的叙述。)这就意味着,小说中的其他人物和事件并未直接在我们面前出现,而是通过耐莉和洛克乌德的眼睛、耳朵和思想来让我们知晓。而他俩都对主人公,如希斯克利夫和大凯瑟琳缺乏真正

的理解和同情。(例如, 洛克乌德在希斯克利夫明确表示他不受欢迎的情况下, 仍执意要再访呼啸山庄。同时耐莉认为凯瑟琳只是在装病, 她也不理解希斯克利夫所说的他正在接近死亡的话;而在画眉田庄最不愉快的时刻, 她居然会庆幸自己是"这个房子中唯一清醒的人。")

这令读者经常会有种感觉,即比起耐莉和洛克乌德来,他们更为理解希斯克利夫和凯瑟琳的性格,同时也赋于小说的末尾一章更加独特的意义。在那一章里,耐莉和洛克乌德都清楚地表述,他们相信凯瑟琳和希斯克利夫已经在死后得到了安宁。他们可以这样肯定地相信,可是我们读者却知道,耐莉和洛克乌德犯了错误,因为他们不理解横亘在凯瑟琳和希斯克利夫之间那种爱情的强大力量。我们知道,凯瑟琳的鬼魂在她死后已经悲伤地游荡了有二十年,在希斯克利夫生命终结之时,他痛苦而快乐参半地感觉到凯正在拖曳他接近她,所以,很难相信,那么多的痛苦与快乐,爱情与折磨会伴随他平和地走向坟墓。

我们被告知在希斯克利夫死后,常可看见他和凯瑟琳在一起,看见他们出现在呼啸山庄以及其生前喜欢的旷野上。小说并未对这些事作解释,如同从未对希斯克利夫从哪儿来作过解释。小说的开头和结尾均有一个谜,这使我们联想到大多数小说向我们阐述的人物和事件在实际生活中是永远不可能存在的。在《呼啸山庄》中,我们读者可以去猜想,但永远不可能知道真实答案。

Introduction

Emily Brontë (1818–48) was a member of a very unusual family who lived in the early part of the nineteenth century in a village in northern England where their father was the vicar. Two of her sisters died as children, and her only brother died when he was just over thirty; the three remaining sisters all became famous writers. Emily's poetry, which received mixed opinions when it was first published, is now regarded very highly, and her only novel, Wuthering Heights, which was criticised severely when it was published in 1847, is now considered one of the most important and original English novels of the nineteenth century.

As children, the sisters had very little contact with other families outside the village; they spent much of their time walking on the surrounding moors. They and their brother made stories for each other of imaginary people living in imaginary countries who did wild and exciting things; this imaginary world, which became a way of escaping from the small village in which they lived, was especially important for Emily, even when she was an adult. Another way of escaping from the dull real world was through reading; because they had few chances of seeing new books, most of the novels and poetry they read had been written earlier in the century, when writers put great importance on feelings (especially powerful and dramatic feelings) and on nature (especially wild and beautiful nature). Their own novels were influenced by the books they had read and the stories they had invented as children; they were very different from the other, more "polite" novels being written in the 1840s, and although early critics agreed that Wuthering Heights was very powerful, they also described it as rough and disgusting. When it became known that the novel had been written by a woman (Emily published it under another name), it was considered especially shocking.

The story is very neatly planned: Mr and Mrs Earnshaw

at Wuthering Heights and Mr and Mrs Linton at Thrushcross Grange each have a son and daughter. Mr and Mrs Linton's son marries Mr and Mrs Earnshaw's daughter, and their only child Catherine marries her two cousins in turn. The elder Catherine begins life as Catherine Earnshaw and ends as Catherine Linton: her daughter begins life as Catherine Linton and at the end of the novel is about to become Catherine Earnshaw; she, the last of the Lintons, is to marry the last of the Earnshaws. The two houses. Wuthering Heights and Thrushcross Grange, are presented as complete opposites: Wuthering Heights is high on the wild moor, attacked by wind and weather, and furnished plainly and simply; the characters who live there are rough and wild. Thrushcross Grange lies in a valley sheltered from storms, and is furnished splendidly and expensively; the characters who live there are tame and sometimes weak. They represent two different ways of life, and much of the tragedy is caused because the elder Catherine is attracted by the life and people at Thrushcross Grange and does not recognise her own nature. Hareton and the vounger Catherine. who are both the children of love, have the good qualities of their parents; Linton, the child of hate, has the bad qualities of his.

For most readers, however, their lasting memory of the novel is not this careful organisation but the wild and desperate closeness of the love between Heathcliff and the elder Catherine: in the same way that she tells Nelly "My love for Heathcliff is necessary to my being; I am Heathcliff!", so he cries out to her after her death "Do not leave me here! I cannot live without my life!" His violent and powerful character commands the whole novel; he comes from the world outside the two houses on the moors, and changes the lives of all the other characters, whether they love him, hate him or fear him (and he is such a strong character that only extreme feelings seem possible towards him).

Many English novels at the beginning of the nineteenth century had a dark, dangerous and violent hero, but he was

often made gentle and tame by his love for the heroine, and the stories frequently had happy endings. Heathcliff, like some of these heroes, has mysterious beginnings (his parents and the language he first speaks are never known) and he does mysterious things (we are never told where he goes during the three years when he is away from Wuthering Heights, or how he becomes rich). Both as a boy and as a man he accepts bad treatment if he can have revenge in the future, and he uses his intelligence and determination to make the other characters do what he wants: he enjoys making the weak suffer. However, he is also shown as suffering deeply and bitterly himself, with no hope of any comfort for his pain. After Catherine's death, the future for him is filled with such torment that he begs her to haunt him, even to drive him mad. rather than leave him alone and empty without her. By the end he is no longer able even to enjoy taking revenge; he has lost the will to destroy his enemies and enjoy their suffering. He can only look forward eagerly to the time when he will be with Catherine again; he talks to her as if she were present with him and speaks of being close to his heaven when they will be united again. In death, his face keeps its fierce, scornful expression for the life and people he has left behind.

The wildness in the characters of Heathcliff and the elder Catherine is reflected in the wildness of the countryside and its weather: Catherine compares her love for Heathcliff to the unchanging rock, as if it were a natural force, and in her illness asks that the window should be opened so that she can feel again the wind from the moor, and Heathcliff on his deathbed opens the window so that he too can feel the wind and the rain. The wind is a powerful force throughout the novel; the violent winds around Wuthering Heights have driven the trees growing nearby out of their natural shape, and the same image is used for people who feel the power of violent treatment. Heathcliff was treated cruelly as a boy, and he takes charge of the child Hareton with the words: "We'll see if one tree won't grow as twisted as another if it is blown by the

same wind." It is no surprise that a stranger used to polite society such as Mr Lockwood is told that he would be in danger of losing his way on the moor in violent weather, or that he becomes ill from his winter journey on it.

The characters with whom the novel has most sympathy are those who do not follow the rules of polite society. The elder Catherine behaves in a way that is considered very unladylike: as a girl she spends her time running wild on the moors with Heathcliff, while as a woman she purposely torments Isabella, has violent fits of selfish temper, and makes it clear that she cares more for Heathcliff than for her husband. She is certainly not presented as a perfect heroine, but her actions which bring tragedy and pain to herself and others do not result from her "wildness" but from following the rules of polite society, in saying that she could not marry a man whose low social position would degrade her, and in marrying a rich man instead so that she would become "the greatest woman in the area". Her great quality is her honesty, which means that she always makes her feelings very clear, whether she is grieving because Heathcliff has disappeared, showing her pleasure in his return, giving Isabella a pitiless description of his character, complaining that Nelly doesn't look more anxious about her, or telling her worried husband "You are one of the things that are never found when they are wanted".

In the same way that the story and the timing of its events are neatly planned, the way in which it is told is very carefully organised. The main story is told by Lockwood, a stranger to the place and the people; inside this story is another, which was told to him by Nelly Dean, who knows the people and the places well, and her story includes some things which other characters told her (the information in Isabella's letter, for example, and the younger Catherine's account of her visits to Wuthering Heights while Nelly was ill). This means that the other characters and the events in the novel do not come to us directly, but through the eyes, ears and ideas of Nelly and Lockwood, and neither of these has any real understanding

or sympathy for characters like Heathcliff and the elder Catherine. (Lockwood, for example, insists on visiting Wuthering Heights for a second time when Heathcliff has made it clear that he is not welcome, while Nelly thinks that Catherine is merely acting her illness, does not understand Heathcliff's talk of his approaching death and, at a time of great unhappiness at Thrushcross Grange, merely congratulates herself on being "the only sensible person in the house".)

This makes readers often feel that they understand the characters of Heathcliff and Catherine better than Nelly and Lockwood do, and also gives a particular meaning to the last chapter of the novel, in which both Nelly and Lockwood say clearly that they believe that Catherine and Heathcliff rest at peace in death. They may feel sure of this, but we readers know that Nelly and Lockwood have made mistakes before because they did not understand the power of the love between Catherine and Heathcliff. We know that Catherine's ghost had been wandering in sorrow for the twenty years after her death and that at the end of Heathcliff's life he felt her drawing him towards her with joy and torment mixed together; it is difficult to believe that so much pain and pleasure, love and torment go peacefully into the grave with him.

We are told that after Heathcliff's death he and Catherine are seen together, both at Wuthering Heights and on the moors they loved. The novel does not explain these things, any more than it explained where Heathcliff came from. The beginning and end of the story both have a mystery which reminds us that most novels explain characters and events to us in a way that is never possible in real life; in Wuthering Heights we the readers may guess but we can never truly know.

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