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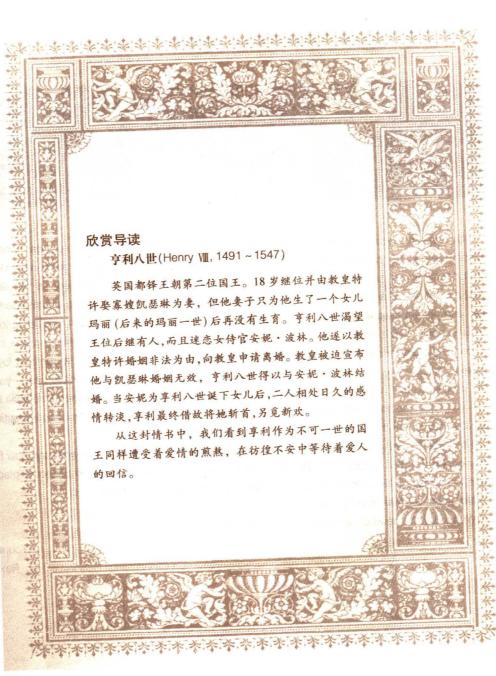
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King Henry to Anne Boleyn

By revolving in my mind the contents of your last letters, I have put myself into great agony, not knowing how to interpret them, whether to my disadvantage (as I understand some others) or not. I beseech you earnestly to let me know your real mind as to the love between us two. It is needful for me to obtain this answer of you, having been for a whole year wounded with the dart of love, and not yet assured whether I shall succeed in finding a place in your heart and affection. This uncertainty has hindered me of late from declaring you my mistress, lest it should prove that you only entertain for me an ordinary regard. But if you please to do the duty of a true and loyal mistress, and to give up yourself, heart and person, to me, who will be, as I have been, your most loyal servant (if your rigor does not forbid me), I promise you that not only the name shall be given you, but also that I will take you for my mistress, cutting off all others that are in competition with you, out of my thoughts and affections, and serving you only.

I beg you to give an entire answer to this my rude letter, that I may know on what and how far I may depend; but if it does not, please you to answer me in writing, let me know some place where I may have it by word of mouth, and I will go thither with all my heart.

No more, for fear of tiring you.

Written by the hand of him who would willing remain

Yours,

H. Rex.

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你最近几封信的内容一直在我脑海里萦绕不散,我不知道该如何解读它们,亦不了解它们是否对我不利(我认为另外几封信正是如此),因此心里痛苦不堪。我诚挚地恳求你告知对我们之间的爱情的真实看法。整整一年来,我被爱情之箭所伤,而对于能否赢得你的芳心和爱恋又毫无把握,我心急如焚地期盼你的答复。也正由于心中忐忑不安,我最近没有宣布你是我的情人,因为我惟恐这一举



动只会证明你仅将我当成一般人看待。可是,如果你愿意承担起忠实情人的职责,向我奉献你的全部身心,则我也将一如既往,做你最忠实的仆人(如果你的严厉没有阻拦我),我向你保证不仅仅赐予你名号,而且以你为我的情人,并且,基于对你的无限宠爱,我将断绝所有与你竞争的人的关系,仅仅将爱奉献给你。

切盼你能不计较我的鲁莽,给我一个彻底的答复,以便 我能心中有数;倘若你不愿意提笔回函,也望能告知当面答 复的地点,我将欣然赴约。

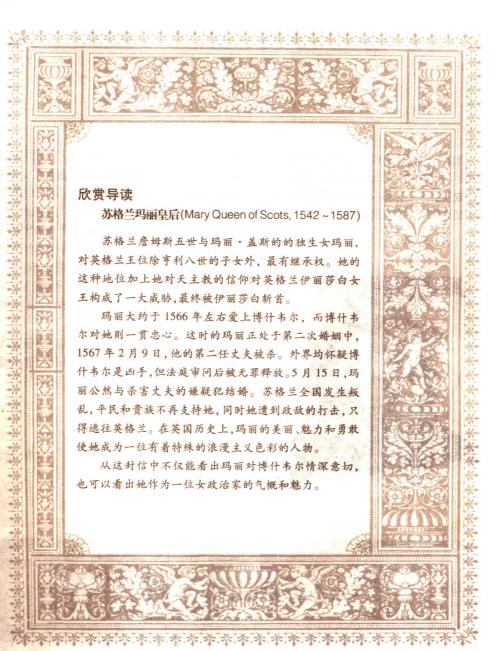
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> 你的 H. 雷克斯

亨利八世国王致安妮・波林

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Mary Queen of Scots to the Earl of Bothwell

My Lord,

If the displeasure of your absence, of your forgetfulness, the fear of danger promised by any one to your so loved person, may give me consolation, I leave it to you to judge, seeing the mishap that my cruel lot and continual misadventure has hitherto promised me following the misfortunes and fears as well of late, as of a long time by past, the which you do know. But for all that I will nowise accuse you, neither of your little remembrance, neither of your little care, and least of all of your promise broken, or of the coldness of your writing, since I am else so far made yours that that which pleases you is acceptable to me; and my thoughts are so willingly subdued unto yours that I suppose that all thatcometh of you proceeds not of any of the causesaforesaid, butrather of such asbe just and reasonable, and such as I desire myself, which is the final order that you promised to take for the surety and honorable service of the only supporter of my life. For which alone I will preserve the same, and without the which I desire nought but sudden death. And to testify unto you how lowly I submit myself to your commandments I have sent you of homage by Paris the ornament of the head which is the chief guide of the other members. Inferring thereby that by the seizing of you in the possession of the spoil of which that is the principal, the remnant cannot be but subject unto you, and with consenting of the heart. In plate whereof, since I have else left it unto you, I send unto you one sculpture of hard stone colored with black, engraved with tears and bones. The stone I compare to my heart, that as it is covered in one sure sepulture of harbor of your commandments and, above all, of your name and memory, that are therein enclosed as is my heart in this ring, never to come forth while death grant unto you one trophy of victory to my bones, as the ring is filled, in sign you have made one full conquest of me, of my heart, and in that my bones are left unto you in remembrance of your victory and my acceptable love and willingness, for to be better bestowed than I merit. The annealing that is about is black, which signifies the steadfastness of her that sends the same . The tears are without number, so are the fears to displease you, the tears for your absence, the disdain that I cannot be in outward effect yours, as I am without faintness of heart and spirit, and of good reason, though

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my merits were much greater than that of the most profit that ever was, and such as I desire to be, and shall take pains in conditions to imitate, for to be bestowed worthily under your governance. My only wealth receive, therefore, in as good part in extreme joy, that which shall not part forth the same, as I have received of your marriage of my bosom till that marriage of our bodies be made in public, as a sign that I either hope or desire of bliss in this world. Yet, my heart, fearing to displease you, as much in the reading here of, as it delights me in the writing, I will make an end, after I have kissed your hand with as great affectoin as I pray God (oh the only supporter of my life!) to give you long and belessed life, and to me your good favor, as the only good that I desire, and to the which I pretend. I have shown unto the bearer of this that which I have learned, knowing the credit that you gave him; as she also doth, that will be forever unto you an humble and obedient lawful wife that forever dictates unto you her heart, her body, which any charge unto him I have made the possessor of my heart, of which you may hold you assured, that unto death shall no ways be changed, for evil nor good shall never make me go from it.





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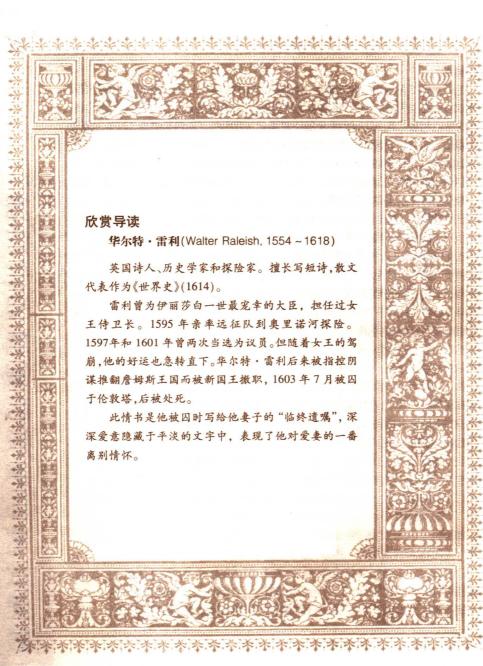
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我的侯爵:

如果说你不在身边与你的健忘给我带来的不快,再加上有人对你如此挚爱的人 进行威胁所给我带来的担忧,反倒能给我以安慰,我就让你自己来评一评,长期以来 残酷的命运和接二连三、蜂拥而至的不幸遭遇让我饱尝了痛苦和忧虑 (其中的原委 你也清楚)之后,我又该如何看待接踵而来的祸患?但即便如此,我也绝不怪你,我不 怪你的健忘,也不怪你的漠不关心,更不怪你的食言或来信冷淡,因为我已经是你的 了,凡是能令你高兴的我都能接受;并且,我没有一丝意念能不顺着你的意愿,我甚 至认为你的所作所为完全不是由于上述的任何原因,而是公正和合情合理的,也是 我自己所期望的,这个愿望就是让我生命中唯一的支持者能安全地、体面地为我服 务,而你曾允诺过要像执行最终命令一样来实现这一愿望。只是为了这个愿望,我的 生命才可以延长下去,如果没有这个的话,我只求能仓促一死。为了向你证明我不惜 卑躬屈节,我已经派人从巴黎给你送去一尊主宰全身各个部分的头像,以表示对你 的敬意。我认为你得到它即是已经征服了我,作为全身之主的头既然已经归了你,其 余的身子自然也就是你的,更何况这是得到了心灵同意的。既然你已经擒住了我的 身体和精神,我还要送给你一尊黑边宝石的雕刻,上面刻有泪珠和骨骼。我将宝石比 作我的心,这只戒指也一样,他日我的心在墓中安息的时候,仍将牢记你说的话,尤 其是你的名字和记忆,等到我瞑目之时,戒指将赠予你作为战利品,象征你已经完全 征服我,征服了我的心,遗骸则留给你用以纪念你的胜利和我的爱情与心愿。宝石的 边缘被烧制成了黑色,这象征着爱人的坚贞不渝。宝石上的泪珠不计其数,唯恐你不 开心的担忧也是不计其数,流泪是因为我们天各一方,蔑视自己是因为我虽然并非 意志脆弱,有万般理由与你公开相爱,而且你功绩卓著,位列众人之上,可是却不能 堂堂正正,公开拜倒在你的脚下。因此,我唯一能够得到的莫大欢乐,就是你我不再 做借着永不动摇的深情遥通心声的情侣,而是公开宣布结成真正的配偶共度生活, 以此昭告我希望或企盼的尘世的幸福。我虽然尚有千言万语,但恐你心烦,还是就此 收笔。不过,我首先要以满腔的爱心吻你的手,这种爱只有我为了你而向上帝(它是 我生命的唯一支柱)祈祷时的虔诚可以匹敌,愿上帝保佑你幸福安康,愿他赐给我你 的眷恋,这也是我企盼的唯一福分,我相信我的祈祷不会得不到回音。我知道你对送 信人的信任,因此已将听到的全部情况转告于他;他的职责就是转达我对你的心意, 那就是我把整个心都掏给你了,我将俯首听命,以身相许,永远做你的合法妻子。只 要一息尚存,无论顺境逆境,我将绝不屈服,绝不低头,对此你可以坚信不疑。

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You shall now receive (my dear wife) my last words in these my last lines. My love I send you that you may keep it when I am dead, and my counsel that you shall remember it when I am no more. I would not by my will present you with sorrows (dear Besse). Let them go to the grave with me and be buried in the dust. And seeing that it is not God's will that I should see you any more in this life, bear it patiently, and with a heart like themselves.

First, I send you all the thanks which my heart can conceive, or my words can reherse for your many travails, and care taken for me, which though they have not taken effect as you wished, yet my debt to you is not the less: but pay it I never shall in this world.

我的爱妻,你此刻收到的这封信将是我最后的绝笔。我把我的爱寄给你,好让你在我死后仍然将其珍藏心底,随信寄去的还有我的忠告,但愿你在我离开人世后仍能铭记于心。亲爱的贝丝,我不愿意在你面前显露我的悲伤。就让它们陪伴我进入坟墓,永远湮没在尘埃之中。既然上帝不让我在有生之年有再见你的希望,那你就处之泰然,耐心忍受吧。

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Walter Raleish to wife

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