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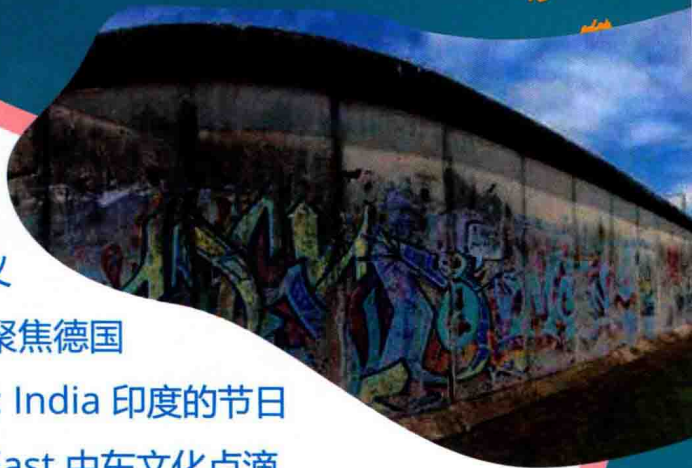
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# Classics: The Red Shoes\*

Rewritten by Simon Green

Once upon a time, there lived a poor girl called Karen. Her mother was so poor that she could only **afford** a pair of wooden shoes for Karen. The shoes hurt her feet and gave her **blisters**. Sometimes, her toes would **bleed**.

An old shoemaker had some red cloth in her house, and she made a pair of red shoes for Karen because she felt sorry for the poor girl. The next day, Karen's mother died. Karen wore her new red shoes for the first time a day later at her mother's **funeral**.\* An old woman saw Karen outside the **church** and asked her to come and live with her.

Karen thought that her lovely red shoes had **attracted** the old woman's **attention**, so she went to live with her. But the old woman thought Karen's red shoes were **disgusting**, so she threw them on a fire. Karen was taught to read and **sew**, but she still wasn't happy. She missed her red shoes.



A few years later, the old woman took Karen clothes shopping. The old lady was going blind, so when Karen saw a beautiful pair of red **leather** shoes in a shop, she couldn't see that they were red. She bought them for Karen.

The next Sunday, Karen went to church with the old woman. Karen was wearing her new red shoes, which was quite shocking in those days.\* Everyone was **staring** at her shoes and shaking their heads. One man told the old woman what Karen had on her feet.\* The woman was **furious** and told Karen she must only wear black shoes to church because red shoes were **evil**.



The **following** Sunday, Karen threw her black shoes away and put on her red ones. As they were walking to church, they met an old soldier. He said, "What lovely dancing shoes!" Everyone was looking with **shock** and **anger** at Karen's shoes.\*

The old soldier touched her shoes and said, "Dance you will, dance you must!\*"

Immediately, Karen's feet started to dance. She just couldn't stop dancing. She danced all the way home until her feet and legs were **aching**.\* Her legs wouldn't stop dancing until she threw the shoes under the bed.\*





Soon after, the old woman was very ill. Karen decided it would be more fun to go to a **ball** **rather than** look after the sick woman.\* So she put on her red shoes and went outside. Suddenly, her red shoes started dancing again. They took her through the village, up and down hills, along **lanes** and across fields.\* **Eventually**, she arrived at an **executioner's** house.

Karen was so **exhausted** and **upset** that she **begged** the man to cut her feet off.\* The man cut off her feet with his **axe**, but the shoes went on dancing. The shoes danced away over the fields, up and down the hills and towards the village.\*

## WORDS

1. classic /'klæsɪk/ *n.* 经典故事
2. afford /ə'fɔ:d/ *v.* 买得起
3. blister /'blɪstə/ *n.* 水泡
4. bleed /bli:d/ *v.* 流血
5. funeral /'fju:nərəl/ *n.* 葬礼
6. church /tʃɜ:tʃ/ *n.* 教堂
7. attract /ə'trækt/ *v.* 吸引
8. attention /ə'tenʃn/ *n.* 注意力
9. disgusting /dɪs'gʌstɪŋ/ *adj.* 令人厌恶的
10. sew /səʊ/ *v.* 做针线活
11. leather /'leðə/ *n.* 皮革
12. stare /steə/ *v.* 盯着看
13. furious /'fjuəriəs/ *adj.* 暴怒的
14. evil /'i:vl/ *adj.* 邪恶的
15. following /'fɒləʊɪŋ/ *adj.* (时间上)接着的
16. shock /ʃɒk/ *n.* 震惊
17. anger /'æŋɡə/ *n.* 怒气
18. ache /eɪk/ *v.* 疼痛
19. ball /bɔ:l/ *n.* 舞会
20. rather than /'rɑ:ðə/ 而不是
21. lane /leɪn/ *n.* 小路
22. eventually /ɪ'ventʃuəli/ *adv.* 最终
23. executioner /,eksɪ'kju:ʃənə/ *n.* 刽子手
24. exhausted /ɪg'zɔ:stɪd/ *adj.* 筋疲力尽的
25. upset /ʌp'set/ *adj.* 沮丧的, 不高兴的
26. beg /beg/ *v.* 乞求, 哀求
27. axe /æks/ *n.* 斧子
28. crutch /krʌtʃ/ *n.* 拐杖
29. bandage /'bændɪdʒ/ *v.* 用绷带包扎
30. angel /'eɪndʒl/ *n.* 天使
31. transform /træns'fɔ:m/ *v.* 变形
32. lift /lɪft/ *v.* 举起, 抬高
33. message /'mesɪdʒ/ *n.* 要点, 要旨
34. scary /'skeəri/ *adj.* 恐怖的, 吓人的



The man made Karen some **crutches** and **bandaged** her feet, and soon Karen went to live with another family. They took her to church one Sunday, but Karen couldn't enter because her red shoes were dancing in front of the door. She went home crying.

A few Sundays later, she was sitting in her bedroom when an **angel** appeared.

She was carrying flowers. Suddenly, the bedroom **transformed** into the church. There was lots of singing, and Karen felt herself **lifted** high into the sky.\* She looked down and saw her feet had grown back. And she wasn't wearing her red shoes.



### Questions:

- What do you think the **message** of the story is?
- Is it a happy, **scary** or sad story? Why?
- Do you have a piece of clothing you can't live without?

## NOTES

1. The Red Shoes 《红舞鞋》，是丹麦作家安徒生创作的童话故事，讲述了一个小女孩被红舞鞋控制，不停地跳舞的故事。
2. Karen wore her new red shoes for the first time a day later at her mother's funeral. 一天后，卡伦在她母亲的葬礼上第一次穿上了她的新红舞鞋。
3. Karen was wearing her new red shoes, which was quite shocking in those days. 卡伦穿着她的新红舞鞋，这在当时是很让人震惊的。which was quite shocking in those days是定语从句，修饰Karen was wearing her new red shoes整句内容。
4. One man told the old woman what Karen had on her feet. 有人告诉了老奶奶卡伦脚上穿着什么。what引导宾语从句。
5. Everyone was looking with shock and anger at Karen's shoes. 每个人都吃惊且愤怒地看着卡伦的鞋子。
6. Dance you will, dance you must! 跳舞吧，你必须跳!
7. She danced all the way home until her feet and legs were aching. 她一路跳回家，跳得脚和腿都开始疼了。
8. Her legs wouldn't stop dancing until she threw the shoes under the bed. 她把鞋子扔到床底下，双腿才停止舞动。not ... until ... 直到……才……。
9. Karen decided it would be more fun to go to a ball rather than look after the sick woman. 卡伦认为去舞会要比照顾这个生病的老奶奶好玩得多。
10. They took her through the village, up and down hills, along lanes and across fields. 红舞鞋带着卡伦穿过村庄、翻过山丘、走过小路、越过原野。
11. Karen was so exhausted and upset that she begged the man to cut her feet off. 卡伦非常疲惫和沮丧，她乞求刽子手把她的双脚砍掉。
12. The shoes danced away over the fields, up and down the hills and towards the village. 那双鞋舞动着，越过田野，翻越山丘，奔向村庄。
13. There was lots of singing, and Karen felt herself lifted high into the sky. 歌声四起，卡伦感觉自己被举入高空。



By Simon Green

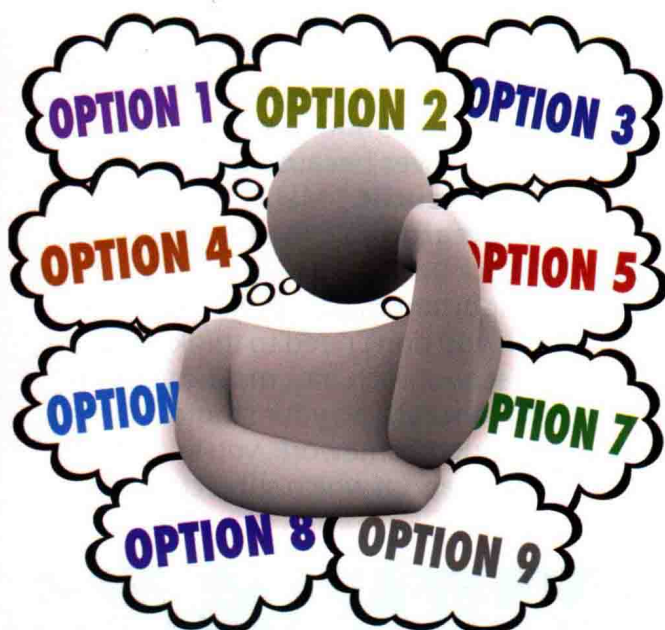
# Making Decisions

In your family, who decides what you're having for dinner, where you're going on your next holiday, what to watch on TV?\* How long do you think people spend making decisions? You might be surprised to learn that the **average** person spends nearly three years of their lives making decisions.\*





A study has shown that **decision-making** takes up over seven hours a week for the **normal adult** in Britain. From deciding what to wear (four minutes) to what to eat (seven minutes) to whether or not to go out and meet friends (eight minutes), most people are wasting their lives worrying about unimportant things.\* About 60% of British adults say they often make the wrong decision, and over half of adults wish that somebody else would make all the decisions for them.



Readers of this book have a long time to wait until they reach the age where it is to make a decision—35 years old.\* But if you find it difficult to choose what to wear at the weekend, your parents probably find it even harder! Adults have to make serious decisions about when to take holidays, if they should spend or save money, what to buy their kids for their birthdays, and what schools to send their kids to.\*

The reason for this **indecisiveness** is too much choice.\* Think about **online movie sites**. There are thousands of films to choose from. When you go to a supermarket, look at all the choices of fruit, vegetables and meat there are. Do you buy the cheapest, the best-looking, or the biggest **item**? It's not so easy.

