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## ROBINSON CRUSOE

1▶▶ I was born in the Year 1632, in the City of York, of a good Family, tho' not of that Country, my Father being a Foreigner of Bremen, who settled first at Hull: He got a good Estate by Merchandise, and leaving off his Trade, lived afterward at York, from whence he had married my Mother, Relations were named Robinson, a very good Family at Country, and from whom I was called Robinson Keutznaer; but by

1◀◀一六三二年，我生在约克市一个上流社会的家庭。我们不是本地人。父亲是德国不来梅市人。他移居英国后，先住在赫尔市，经商发家后就结束了生意，搬到约克市定居，并在那儿娶了我母亲。母亲娘家姓鲁宾逊，是当地的一户名门望族，因而给我取名叫鲁宾逊·克鲁兹那。由于英国人一读“克鲁兹那”这个德国姓，发音就会走样，结果大家就叫我们“克鲁索”，以致连我们自己也这么叫，这么写了。所以，我的朋友们都叫我克鲁索。

the usual Corruption of Words in England, we are now called, nay we call our Selves, and writer Name Crusoe, and so my Companions always call'd me.

2▶▶ My Head began to be fill'd very early with rambling Thoughts: My Father, who was very ancient, had given me a competent Share of Learning, as far as House-Education, and a Country Free-School generally goes.

3▶▶ He design'd for the Law. But I would be satisfied with nothing but go to Sea.

4▶▶ My Inclination to this led me so strongly against the Will, nay the Commands of my Father, and

2◀◀我从小时候脑子里就有云游四海的强烈念头。我那年迈的老父亲让我接受了相当程度的教育，除了家庭教育之外，还让我上了乡村里的公共学校。

3◀◀他的本意是让我学习法律，但我对什么都不感兴趣，一心一意想到出海。

4◀◀我这种强烈的信念，使我对于老父亲的意愿和他的命令持强烈的反对态度，而且对于母亲的恳求和我的朋友们的劝告也都一概予以拒绝。我这种顽固不化的怪脾气，似乎

against all the Entreaties and Persuasions of my Mother and other Friends, that there seem'd to be something fatal in Propension of Nature tending directly to the Life of Misery which was to befall me.

5▶▶ My Father, a wise and grave Man, gave me serious and excellent Counsel against what he foresaw was my Design.

6▶▶ He call'd me one Morning into his Chamber, where he confin'd by the Gout, and expostulated very warmly with me upon this Subject: He ask'd me what Reasons more than a meer wandring inclination I had for leaving my Father's House and my native Country, where I might be well introduced, and had a Prospect

使我命中注定今后要遭遇种种不幸。

5◀◀我父亲是一个睿智而庄重的人，预见到了我计划的危险性，向我提出了严肃而精辟的忠告。

6◀◀一天早晨，他把我叫到他的房间，他因为害痛风病不能走动，就此语重心常的规劝了一番。他问我，除仅仅为了到外面瞎跑以外，我有什么理由要离开自己的亲人和家乡？他说，我在这里可以仰仗亲友们的推荐，还有自己的勤勉，会有一份很不错的家业，过一辈子舒坦快乐的生活。

of raising my Fortunes Application and Industry, with a Life of Ease and Pleasure.

7▶▶ He told me it was for Men of desperate Fortunes on one Hand, or of aspiring, superior Fortunes on the other, who went abroad upon Adventures, to rise by Enterprize, and make themselves famous in Undertakings of a Nature out of the common Road; that these things were all either too far above me, or too far below me; that mine was the middle State, or what might be called the upper Station of Low Life.

8▶▶ Which he had found by long Experience was the best State in the World, the most suited to human

7◀◀他告诉我，那些到海外去闯荡冒险，去开创事业，甚至希望通过非常规的方式使自己扬名后世的人，不外乎是两种人，一种是穷困潦倒、急于发财的人，另一种是野心勃勃、财产丰厚的人。但是这两种情况对我来说，不是太高就是太低，而我正处于这两者之间，或者可以称之为中间阶层。

8◀◀凭他多年的人生阅历，他认为这是世界上最好的阶层，最适合于给人以幸福的阶层，既不必像那些体力劳动者那样使自己的机体由于艰苦的劳作而倍受各种痛苦和艰磨，

Happiness, not exposed to the Miseries and Hardships, the Labour and Sufferings of the mechanic Part of Mankind, and not embarrass'd with the Pride, Luxury, Ambition and Envy of the upper Part of Mankind. He told me, I might judge of the Happiness of this State, by this one thing, viz. That this was the State of Life which all other People envied, that Kings have frequently lamented the miserable Consequences of being born to great things, and wish'd they had been placed in the Middle of the two Extremes, between the Mean and the Great.

9►► After this, he press'd me earnestly, and in the most affectionate manner, not to play the young Man,

也不必像那些上层人物为骄奢、尔虞我诈所烦恼。他告诉我，我可以用一件事来判断这种生活地位是否幸福，那就是，是否其他所有人都羡慕这种生活方式。许多帝王常常感叹由于他们高贵的出身而导致的不幸后果，梦想自己能够被置于两个极端的中间，也就是在于贵贱两者之间。

9◄◄ 说完这些，他用最令人感动的方式非常恳切地劝我，希望我不要耍小孩子脾气，不要无端自寻烦恼，因为就我的本性和我出生的家庭生活状况而言，这些都是可以避免的。



not to precipitate my self into Miseries which Nature and the Station of Life I was born in, seem'd to have provided against.

10▶▶ That I was under no Necessity of seeking my Bread; that he would do well for me, and endeavour to enter me fairly into the Station of Life which he had been just recommending to me; In a word, that as he would do very kind things for me if I would stay and settle at Home as he directed, so he would not have so much Hand in my Misfortunes, as to give me any Encouragement to go away.

11▶▶ And to close all, he told me I had my elder

10◀◀ 就我的家境来说，我没有必要出去找饭吃，他会为我做好一切，而且他要尽力帮助我过上他刚才向我大力推荐的那种好生活。简而言之，他说只要我照着他说的做，好好呆在家里，他一定会帮助我做好每一件事；因此，他不会对我的远游给予任何鼓励，免得对我的不幸承担责任。

11◀◀ 最后作为结束语，他又叫我以我哥哥为前车之鉴。他曾经同样认真地劝说我哥哥，叫他不要去佛兰德打仗，但他就是不听，凭着一股青年人的热情参了军，结果却在那里

Brother for an Example, to whom he had used the same earnest Persuasions to keep him from going into the Low Country Wars, but could not prevail, his young Desires prompting him to run into the Army where he was kill'd.

12▶▶ Tears run down his Face very plentifully, and especially when he spoke of my Brother who was kill'd; and that when he spoke of my having Leisure to repent, and none to assist me, he was so mov'd, that he broke off the Discourse, and told me, his Heart was so full he could say no more to me.

13▶▶ I was sincerely affected with this Discourse, as

送了命。

12◀◀ 只见他一边说一边老泪纵横，特别是提到我那死去的哥哥的时候。当他讲到我将闲下来肯定会后悔，而且到那时无人能帮，孤立无援，竟然哽咽得无法再继续讲下去。他说他太伤感了，不想对我说什么了。

13◀◀ 我被父亲的话深深地感动了，真的，在那种场合下谁又不会被感染呢？我下决心打消出去的念头，听父亲的话，好好呆在家里。唉，可没过几天，我就把它忘了个干干净净。

indeed who could be otherwise? and I resolv'd not to think of going abroad any more, but to settle at home according to my Father's Desire. But alas! a few Days wore it all off.

14▶▶ And in short, to prevent any of my Father's farther Importunities, in a few Weeks after, I resolv'd to run quite away from him. However, I did not act so hastily neither as my first Heat of Resolution prompted, but I took my Mother, at a time when I thought her a little pleasanter than ordinary, and told her, that my Thoughts were so entirely bent upon seeing the World, that I should never settle to any thing with Resolution enough to go through with it, and my Father had

14◀◀简单说来，为了避免父亲总在我耳边唠唠叨叨，几个星期以后，我决定逃得远远的。然而，我没有怀着第一次下决心那样的热情急于行动。我必须等我母亲，等到我认为她比往常高兴的时候，再向她提出我的想法，告诉她我非常想去外面开开眼界，告诉她由于这个信仰始终缠着我，使我在无法静下心来做任何事，我父亲不如痛痛快快地答应我，不要逼我逃离这个家庭。

15◀◀我的这番话让母亲极为恼怒。她告诉我，她非常清

better give me his Consent than force me to go without it.

15▶▶ This put my Mother into a great Passion: She told me, she knew it would be to no Purpose to speak to my Father upon any such Subject; that he knew too well what was my Interest to give his Consent to any thing so much for my Hurt.

16▶▶ And that she wondered how I could think of any such thing after such a Discourse as I had had with my Father, and such kind and tender Expressions as she knew my Father had us'd to me; and that in short, if I would ruin my self there was no Help for me; but I

楚地知道，跟我父亲谈论这类话题根本没有用，因为他太清楚这种利害关系了，绝对不会允许这种对我有害的事情。

16◀◀然后她觉得奇怪的是，在我与父亲经过那次谈话以后，她知道我父亲给了我谆谆告诫，我怎么还会想到这类事情。简而言之，她说如果我要自寻绝路，谁也不会帮助我，更不用说指望得到他们的支持。至于她自己，她绝不会帮助我自取灭亡，这样我以后永远也没有理由说，这类事当时我父亲不同意，而我母亲却愿意。

might depend I should never have their Consent to it: That for her Part she would not have so much Hand in my Destruction; and I should never have it to say, that my Mother was willing when my Father was not.

17▶▶ Tho' my Mother refused to move it to my Father, yet as I have heard afterwards, she reported all the Discourse to him, and that my Father, after shewing a great Concern at it, said to her with a Sigh, That Boy might be happy if he would stay at home, but if he goes abroad he will be the miserablest Wretch that was ever born: I can give no Consent to it.

18▶▶ It was not till almost a Year after this that

17◀◀ 尽管我母亲表面上不肯把我的想法告诉我父亲，但我后来却听说，她把我们的谈话全盘告诉了我父亲。我父亲听后非常忧虑，对她叹息道：“这孩子如果呆在家里肯定很幸福，但是，如果他在要漂泊在外，一定是世界上最苦命的人。我不能答应他。”

18◀◀ 就在这事发生不到一年的时间里，我竟私自离家逃走了。在此期间，我对我父母亲要我干点正事的建议充耳不闻，经常与他们争吵，抱怨他们既然知道了我心里的想法还那么

I broke loose, tho' in the mean time I continued obstinately deaf to all Proposals of settling to Business, and frequently expostulating with my Father and Mother, about their being so positively determin'd against what they knew my Inclinations prompted me to.

19▶▶ But being one Day at Hull, where I went casually, and without any Purpose of making an Elopement that time; but I say, being there, and one of my Companions being going by Sea to London, in his Father's Ship, and prompting me to go with them, with the common Allurement of Seafaring Men, viz. That it should cost me nothing for my Passage.

故意地干涉我。

19◀◀ 然而有一天，我恰巧到赫尔城去，在去的时候我没有任何逃跑的意思。可是我得说，当我到了那里之后，我的一位朋友正打算坐他父亲的船到伦敦去，他用一般招引水手的办法，怂恿我跟他一块去，那也就是说一分钱也不要我的。

20◀◀ 于是，我也没有去征得父母亲的同意，也没有给他们捎去只言片语，只是让他们自己随便去打听好了，我既没祈求上帝的祝福或我父亲的祝福，也没有考虑一下当时的处

20▶▶ I consulted neither Father or Mother any more, nor so much as sent them Word of it; but leaving them to hear of it as they might, without asking God's Blessing, or my Father's, without any Consideration of Circumstances or Consequences, and in an ill Hour, God knows. On the first of September 1651 I went on Board a Ship bound for London.

21▶▶ The Ship was no sooner gotten out of the Humber, but the Wind began to blow, and the Winds' to rise in a most frightful manner; and as I had never been at Sea before, I was most inexpressibly sick in Body, and terrify'd in my Mind.

境和后果，就在 1651 年 9 月 1 日那个不吉利的日子乘船前往伦敦。

21◀◀ 那只船刚刚走出恒比尔河口，就遇到了可怕的风浪，而且狂风变得越来越可怕。我过去从来没有坐过船，因此感到全身有一种说不出的难受，心里恐惧万分。

22◀◀ 我开始郑重地想起我的所做所为，因为我私自离家出走，放弃了自己应尽的责任，上天对我的惩罚该有多么公平。所有我双亲善意的规劝，父亲的眼泪，母亲的恳求，一切一

22▶▶ began now seriously to reflect upon what I had done, and how justly I was overtaken by the Judgment of Heaven for my wicked leaving my Father's House, and abandoning my Duty; all the good Counsel of my Parents, my Father's Tears and my Mother's Entreaties came now fresh into my Mind, and my Conscience, which was not yet to come to the Pitch of Hardness to which it has been since, reproach'd me with the Contempt of Advice, and the Breach of my Duty to God and my Father.

23▶▶ These wise and sober Thoughts continued all the while the Storm continued, and indeed some time after; but the next Day the Wind was abated and the

切都重新涌现在我的心头。我的良心当时还没有像后来那样到了不可救药的地步，受到了谴责，因为我藐视别人的忠告，放弃了对上帝与父亲的应尽职责。

23◀◀ 这些明智而清醒的想法，从暴风雨发作到停息以后的一段时间里，都一直盘据在我的脑海，但是到了第二天，当风平浪静的时候，我开始渐渐地习惯了海上生活。

24◀◀ 总的来说，当风暴渐渐平息，大海又安静下来，海面风平浪静的时候，我那慌乱的情绪一过去，我那担心被海



Sea calmer, and I began to be a little inur'd to it.

24▶▶ In a word, as the Sea was returned to its Smoothness of Surface and settled Calmness by the Abatement of that Storm, so the Hurry of my Thoughts being over, my Fears and Apprehensions of being swallow'd up by the Sea being forgotten, and the Current of my former Desires return'd, I entirely forgot the Vows and Promises that I made in my Distress.

25▶▶ It was my Lot first of all to fall into pretty good Company in London, I first fell acquainted with the Master of a Ship who had been on the Coast of Guinea; and who having had very good Success there,

浪吞没的恐惧与忧虑一忘记，我过去的想法又像潮水一样涌上了心头。我完全忘记了我在危难之中发出的誓言。

25◀◀ 这是我所有冒险中的第一次，总算幸运，我在伦敦居然碰到了好人。我一开始就结识了一位到过几内亚的船主，他在那边生意做得不错，所以我决定再去冒险。他对我的谈话非常感兴趣，也许那时因为我的谈话还不太让人讨厌。他听我说想去海外见识见识，便对我说，如果我同他一起去，我可以不必花什么钱，可以和他一起吃饭，就算他的伙计。