



The Beautiful Golden Statue

华丽的金色铜像

The statue of the Happy Prince stood high above the city on a grand column.

He was very elegant and beautiful.

He was covered with thin pieces of gold.

He had two sparkling blue sapphires for his eyes.

And in the handle of his sword, a large red ruby shone brightly.

Everyone in the city admired him very much.

“He is as beautiful as a weathercock, but not as ¹ useful,” said a Town Councilor.

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| □ golden 金色的 | □ sword 剑 |
| □ statue 铜像，雕塑 | □ ruby 红宝石 |
| □ grand 巨大的，壮观的 | □ shine 闪亮的，闪光的 |
| □ column 柱子 (shine – shone – shone) | □ brightly 明亮地 |
| □ elegant 优雅的，高贵的 | □ admire 赞赏，称赞 |
| □ be covered with 以……覆盖 | □ weathercock (公鸡模样的) 风向标 |
| □ thin 薄的，纤细的 | □ useful 有用的，有用途的 |
| □ sparkling 闪烁的 | □ town councilor 市政议员 |
| □ sapphire 蓝宝石 | |



¹ as + 形容词原级 + as 像……一样……
He is as beautiful as a weathercock.
他像风向标一般美丽。



“It’s good that someone is happy in this city,” ☼
 a very sad-looking man mumbled.
 “You should be like the Happy Prince,”
 a mother told her crying boy.
 “He never cries. He is always happy.”
 “He looks like an angel,”
 some children said when they saw the statue.
 One winter night, a little Swallow flew over the city.
 He was flying to Egypt to meet his friends. They
 had left many weeks earlier, but the Swallow
 had stayed behind. He had fallen in love with a
 beautiful Reed in the early spring.

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| □ mumble 嘟囔 | □ leave 离开 (leave – left – left) |
| □ look like 看起来像…… | □ 期间 + earlier ……之前 |
| □ angel 天使 | □ stay behind 在后面 |
| □ swallow 燕子 | □ fall in love with 与……坠入爱河 |
| □ fly over 飞过……上面 (上空) | (fall – fell – fallen) |
| (fly – flew – flown) | □ reed 芦苇 |

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形式主语 it

在英语中，如果主语长，常将主语后置，在主语位置使用形式主语 it。因此会组成 “It is + 形容词 + that + 主语 + 动词” 形式的句子。这种情况下，实际的主语却是 “that + 主语 + 动词” 部分。

- It’s good that someone is happy in this city. 在这座城市里还有快乐的人，真好。
- It is sad that you should leave early. 你得很早离开，真难过。



She was tall and slim, and lived by the river with lots of other reeds.

“I love you,” said the Swallow.

He flew around her all through the spring and summer.

The other swallows thought the little Swallow was foolish.

“How can you fall in love with a Reed?”
they laughed.

- slim 纤细的
- all through 总是……
- foolish 愚蠢的
- laugh (讥) 笑
- relative 亲戚
- miss 想念, 想见
- fly away to 飞去……

- autumn 秋天
- arrive (季节) 来临
- leave 离开……身边, 丢下……离开
- after a while 过了一会儿, 一会儿以后
- feel lonely 孤独 (feel – felt – felt)
- quiet 安静的, 无话的

“Miss Reed has no money and too many relatives,”
they cried.

“She won’t miss you when you fly away to Egypt.”

When autumn arrived, all the swallows flew away.

But the little Swallow stayed behind.

He didn’t want to leave his beautiful Reed.

After a while he felt lonely. He missed his friends.

“She is too quiet,” he said.

“And she is always playing with the wind.

I fear that she does not love me.”¹

¹ fear that+从句 担心……

I fear that she does not love me.

我担心她不爱我。





One day he asked her,

“Will you come with me to Egypt to play in the sun?”

“No,” said the Reed. I love my home here.”

“You don’t care about me at all,” said the Swallow.

“I’m going to see the Pyramids.^{*} Goodbye!”

The little Swallow flew all day.

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□ care about 关心……，担心……

□ not ... at all 完全不……

□ all day 整天

□ rest 休息，歇息



That evening,
he arrived in the city of the Happy Prince.
“I’m very tired, but where can I rest for the night?”
he thought.
“I hope there are lots of good places to sleep
in this city.”



Then he saw the
statue of the
Happy Prince.
“That looks like a
good place,”
he said.

“It’s high up, and away
from people and animals.

And it has a lot of fresh air.”

The Swallow flew up to the statue, and landed
between the feet of the Happy Prince.

He was amazed at the beauty of the golden statue. ¹

“It is so beautiful,” he said.

“Now I have a golden bedroom.”

The Swallow was almost asleep when a large drop of
water fell on him.

- away from 远离
- fresh 新鲜的，爽快的
- land 着陆……
- feet 脚（foot 的复数形式）
- beauty 美丽，美
- bedroom 卧室
- asleep 睡着的
- drop（液体的）滴

- fall on 落在……
- cloud 云
- clear 清明的
- bright 明亮的
- another 另一个
- tear 眼泪
- flow from 从……流出
- cheek 脸颊，脸

“That’s strange,” he said.

“There are no clouds in the sky. The stars are clear and bright.”

Then he felt another drop.

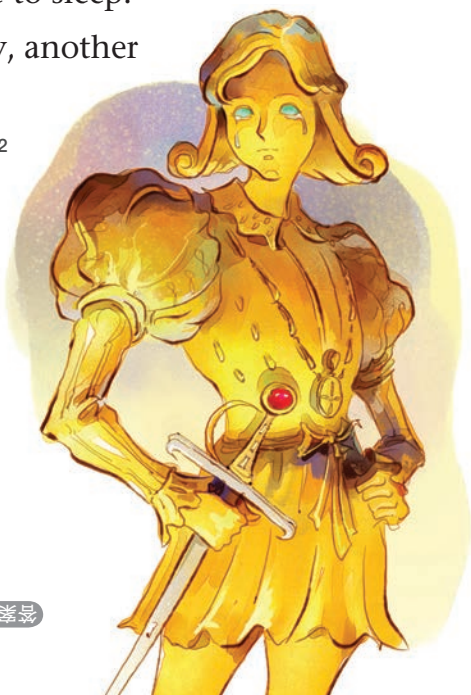
“This isn’t a good place,” he said.

“I must find somewhere else to sleep.”

But before he could fly away, another drop fell on him.

He looked up at the golden ² statue’s face.

Tears were flowing from the Happy Prince’s eyes and down his golden cheeks.



❓ 落在小燕子身上的是？

- a. A drop of water
- b. Prince's tears
- c. Morning drowdrop

答案:b

¹ be amazed at 感叹于……，惊叹
He was amazed at the beauty of the golden statue.
他惊叹于金色铜像的壮观。

² look up at 向上看……，仰视……
He looked up at the golden statue’s face.
他仰望着金色铜像的面庞。



Check-up Time!

• WORDS

在下面的空格中填入合适的单词。

angel

weathercock

swallow

1. The Happy Prince is as beautiful as a



_____.

2. One night a little



flew over the city.

3. The Happy Prince looks like an



_____.

• STRUCTURE

选择正确的单词，完成句子。

1. The Happy Prince was covered _____ thin pieces of gold.

a. of

b. with

c. to

2. You don't care _____ me at all.

a. of

b. at

c. about

3. The Swallow looked up _____ the statue's face.

a. at

b. on

c. of

ANSWERS

WORDS | 1. weathercock 2. swallow 3. angel
STRUCTURE | 1. b 2. c 3. a

• COMPREHENSION

下列叙述与正文内容相符的选T，不符的选F。

1. The Happy Prince had two sapphires for his eyes. ☐ T ☐ F
2. A beautiful reed fell in love with the Swallow. ☐ T ☐ F
3. The Happy Prince tried to find a place to sleep. ☐ T ☐ F
4. The Swallow thought the Happy Prince was beautiful. ☐ T ☐ F

• SUMMARY

在所给选项中选出合适的单词，填入括号内，完成短文。

The () statue of the Happy Prince stood above the city on a column. Everyone in the city () the beauty of the statue. One winter night, the little Swallow () at the Happy Prince's city while he was flying to Egypt. When the Swallow was almost asleep between the Prince's feet, the Prince's () fell on the Swallow.

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| a. admired | b. tears |
| c. arrived | d. golden |

ANSWERS

COMPREHENSION 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T SUMMARY 1. d, a, c, b

The Happy Prince

快乐王子

“Who are you?” asked the little Swallow.

“I’m the Happy Prince,” answered the statue.

“But you don’t look happy,” said the Swallow.

“You’re crying, and I almost drowned in your tears.

“I was alive once, said the Happy Prince sadly.

“I lived in a beautiful palace. All day I played in its magnificent garden, and at night I danced in the Great Hall. I was very happy there, so my friends called me the Happy Prince.”¹

宫殿或城堡中宽敞的空间，
供举行舞会或者聚会使用。

□ almost + 动词 差点……

□ drown 溺死在水中，溺亡

□ alive 活着的

□ once 有一次

□ palace 宫殿，皇宫

□ magnificent 伟大的，优异的

□ at night 晚上

□ reply 回答，答复 (reply – replied – replied)

□ sorrow 悲伤

□ misery 不幸的，痛苦的

□ outside of ……外边

¹ call A B 称呼A为B

My friends called me the Happy Prince.

我的朋友们都叫我快乐王子。



“Didn’t you see the people of your city?”
asked the little Swallow.

“No,” he replied.

“There were high walls around the garden.
I never went outside. I never knew about the sorrow
and misery outside of the walls.”



The Prince continued,

“When I died, the Town Council decided to make a statue of me. Now I look down on all the ugliness ¹ and misery in my city. My heart is made of lead, but I can not stop crying.” ❄

¹ make a statue of 塑造……的铜像

When I died, the Town Council decided to make a statue of me.
我死掉的时候，市政会决定为我塑一尊铜像。

“I thought he was made of solid gold,”
 thought the Swallow.
 But he said nothing.
 “I see many terrible things,” said the Prince.
 “In the city there is a poor house. Through the
 window, I can see a tired woman sitting at a table.
 Her face is thin, and her hands are rough. She is
 a dressmaker, and is working hard. She is sewing
 flowers on a dress for the Queen’s maid-of-honor.
 The maid-of-honor is going to wear it to the next
 Court Ball.”

- continue 继续
- die 死，死亡
- decide to + 动词原形 决定……
- look down on (at) 向……看
- ugliness 丑陋，难看
- be made of 由……制造
- lead 铅
- solid 可靠的，纯粹的

- thin 瘦的，没有肉的
- rough 粗糙的
- dressmaker 裁缝，女裁缝
- sew 缝纫，缝
- maid-of-honor 宫女，侍女
- wear A to B 穿着A去B
- court ball 宫廷舞会

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stop + ...ing/ to + 动词原形

stop 后接动名词 (...ing) 表示“停止做……”的意思，
 stop 后接 to + 动词原形表示“为了……停止（正在进行的动作）”的意思。

- I can not stop crying. 我无法停止哭泣。
- He stopped to pick the flowers. 他停下来去摘花。



“But her little boy is very sick,” continued the Prince.
 “He has a fever, and is crying. She has no money to buy food. She only has river water to give him. Swallow, little Swallow, my feet are fixed and I cannot move. Please take the ruby from my sword,¹ and give it to her.”
 “But I must fly to Egypt,” said the Swallow.
 “My friends are waiting for me. They’ll be flying up the Nile River now. And they’ll be enjoying the warm sun and the lotus flowers. Soon they will see the tomb of the great Egyptian King.”
 “Swallow, little Swallow,” said the Prince.
 “Please stay with me for one night.
 Be my messenger! The boy is ill, and his mother is very sad.”

□ sick 不舒服的，生病的

□ have a fever 发烧

□ be fixed 固定的

□ move 移动，动

□ give A to B 将 A 给 B (throw – threw – thrown)

□ lotus flower 莲花

□ tomb 坟墓

□ Egyptian 埃及的

□ messenger 信使，跑腿儿的

□ ill 不舒服的，生病的

□ throw A at B 向 B 扔 A

□ hit 打，击打 (hit – hit – hit)

□ mad 生气的

¹ take A from B

Please take the ruby from my sword. 请从我的宝剑上将红宝石拿走。

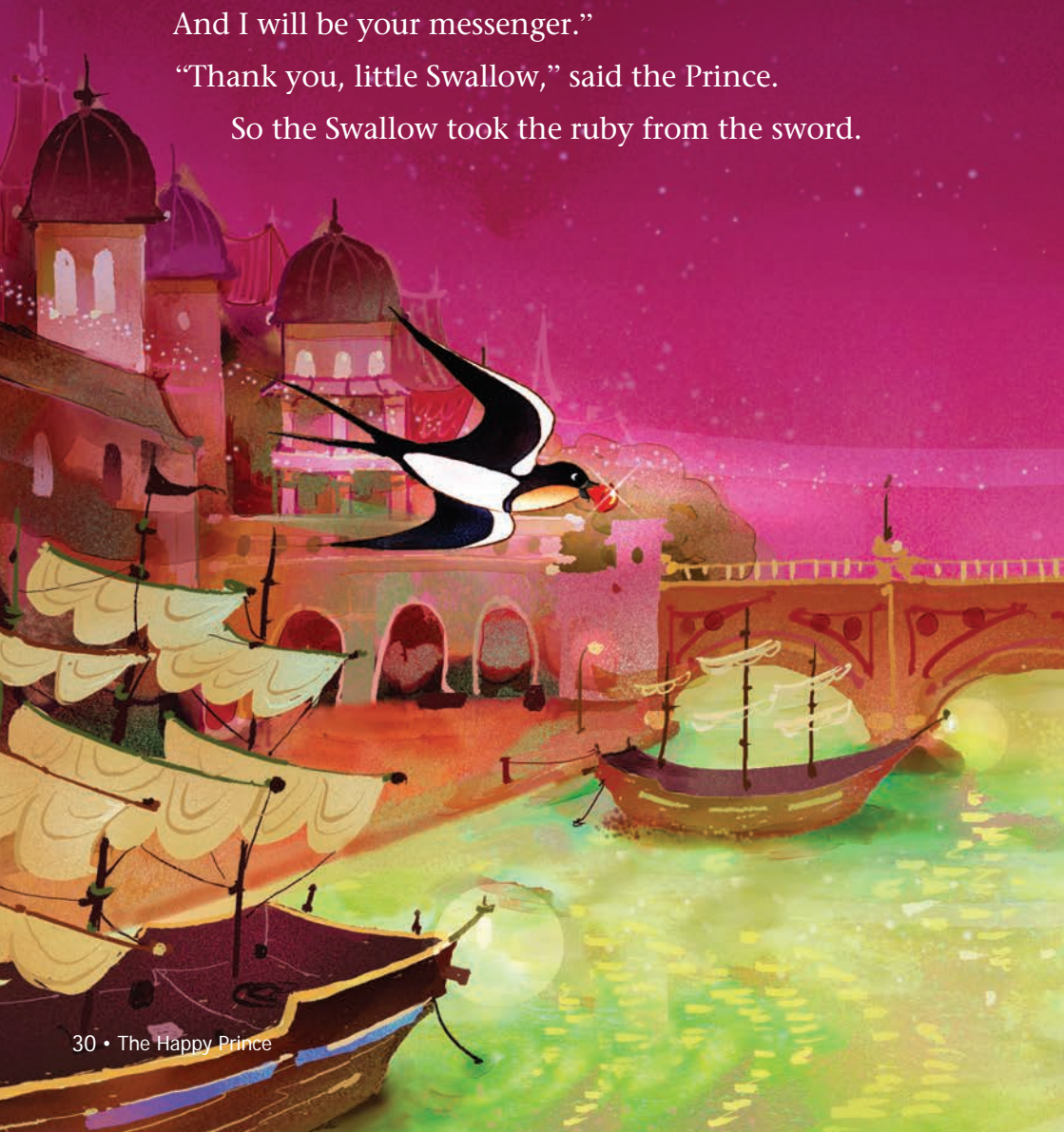
“I don’t like boys,” replied the Swallow.
“Last summer two boys threw stones at me.
They didn’t hit me,
but I’m still mad.”

- ② 快乐王子想要给贫穷的女
子的是？
- a. ruby
 - b. sapphire
 - c. diamond

答案：a



The Swallow looked up at the Happy Prince.
He looked sad, so the little Swallow felt sorry for him.
“It’s cold here,” he said,
“but I will stay with you for one night.
And I will be your messenger.”
“Thank you, little Swallow,” said the Prince.
So the Swallow took the ruby from the sword.



He flew over the white stone angels on the cathedral tower.

He passed by the palace and heard the sound of music.

Then the Swallow flew over the port and saw the lights on the ships. He went over the heart of the city and saw the merchants selling their goods.

- feel sorry for 对……感到抱歉
- cathedral 大教堂
- pass by 路过
- port 港口
- light 灯光
- heart of ……的中心
- merchant 商人
- goods 物品，商品

