

English Corner: Suggested Article of Discussion

1. Article 2 - 1: Whom Do You Love? (你到底爱谁?)

John was waiting for the girl whose heart he knew, but whose face he didn't, the girl with the rose. Thirteen months ago, in a Florida library he took a book off the shelf and found himself intrigued (引起兴趣) with the notes in the margin. The soft handwriting reflected a thoughtful soul (有思想的人) and insightful mind (有见解).

In back of the book, he discovered the previous borrower's name, Miss Hollis Maynell. With time and effort he located her address. He wrote her a letter introducing himself and inviting her to correspond (通信).

During the next year and one-month the two grew to know each other through the mail. A romance (爱情) was budding (发芽). John requested a photograph, but she refused. She felt that if he really cared, it wouldn't matter what she looked like. Later they scheduled their first meeting—7:00 pm at Grand Central Station in New York. “You'll recognize (认出) me,” she wrote, “by the red rose I'll be wearing on my lapel (衣领).” So at 7:00 he was in the station looking for the girl with the red rose.

A young woman in a green suit was coming toward him, her figure (身材) long and slim and her eyes were blue as flowers. Almost uncontrollably (不自主的) he made one step closer to her, and just at this moment he saw “Hollis Maynell” a woman well past 40 wearing a red rose on her lapel. The girl in a green suit was walking quickly away. He felt as though he split in two, so keen (强烈) was his desire to follow her, and yet so deep was his longing for the woman whose spirit had truly companioned (陪伴) him and upheld (支持) his own. He did not hesitate (犹豫). He squared his shoulders (挺起肩膀) and said, “I'm John, and you must be Miss Maynell. I am so glad you could meet me; may I take you to dinner?”

The woman smiled, “I don't know what this is all about, son (年青人),” she answered, “but the young lady in the green suit begged (请求) me to wear this rose on my lapel. And she said if you were to ask me out to dinner, I should tell you that

she is waiting for you in the restaurant across the street. She said it was some kind of test!” It's not difficult to admire (佩服) Miss Maynell's wisdom (智慧). The true nature of a heart is seen in it's response (反应) to the unattractive (不吸引人的).

2. Discussion:

1. Tell the function of the red rose in the story.
2. What do you think of Hollis Maynell's method of test?
3. How true is the lesson that is provided at the conclusion?

3. Remember Seven Phrases a Week:

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| 183. He owes my uncle \$100. | 他欠我叔叔 100 美元。 |
| 184. How are things going? | 事情进展得怎样? |
| 185. How are you recently? | 最近怎么样? |
| 186. I know all about it. | 我知道有关它的一切。 |
| 187. It really takes time. | 这样太耽误时间了。 |
| 188. It's against the law. | 这是违法的。 |
| 189. Love me, love my dog. | (谚语)爱屋及乌。 |

4. Proverbs:

1. Let us love one another, for love comes of God and Knows God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)
2. God is love, whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16)
3. We love because God first love us. (1 John 4:19)
4. Character (品德) is who we really are. It's what we do when no one is looking. It's the accumulation (聚集) of our thoughts (思想), values (价值观), words (言语), and actions (行为). These become the habits (习惯) that comprise (组成) our character. That character shapes our destiny (命运), and the destiny of our country.