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Lesson 21 Escape 逃避 Words: barbarian n. 野蛮人 barbecue n. 吃烤肉的野餐；烧烤 barber n. 理发师 bare adj. 无遮蔽的，赤裸的，光（秃）的；仅有的，勉强的 barely adv. 仅仅，几乎不能 barge n. 驳船 bark n. 树皮；vi./n. 狗叫，咆哮 barn n. 谷仓；牲口棚 baroque adj. （艺术、建筑等）高度装饰的，过分雕琢的 barrage n. 火力网，弹幕；（言语等）猛烈攻击 barrel n. 桶 barren adj. 贫瘠的（不结果实的）；荒凉的（无人烟的） barricade v. 设栅栏挡；使躲在路障（或挡墙）后面；n. 栅栏，障碍物 barrier n. 屏障，障碍；栅栏 barter n. 物品交换，易货贸易；vt. 物品交换，交换 basement n. 地下室 bashful adj. 害羞的，难为情的 basin n. 盆地 baste vt. （烤肉时）涂油，把油涂在（肉上）；殴打，公开责骂 batter v. 打坏，猛击；n. 击球手 I live an isolated life in a small basin between two mountain ridges at the edge of an ocean. Due to the bad soil, the land is barren. However, I have a barn full of animals that supply me with all the food I need. There ' s nothing more satisfying than basting pig meat over a barbecue. The weather is pretty good. There is always enough rain to fill my water barrel. But sometimes, a fierce storm will batter the barn all right. The rough life I lead has made me look and feel like a barbarian. The heat from the sun has baked my bare skin brown. I haven ' t been to the barber for two years. As a result, I think I would be bashful if anyone found me. I don ' t have any money but I don ' t need it. You can ' t buy anything here. You

can ' t even barter. However, I ' m not completely out of touch with civilization. Every few months, I can hear the sound of an ocean barge passing in the distance. I always run to the ocean side to see it. It reminds me that I ' m still human. You might think that I ' m barely surviving but the opposite is true. This is the only place where I can escape the horrible war in the city. In my mind, I can still hear the barrage of gunfire smashing through our wooden barriers. I can still remember spending months, helplessly barricaded in the basement of one of our many, once beautiful, baroque style buildings. My life is more peaceful now. Perhaps after the war, I ' ll find my way back home. What ' s that I hear? It ' s the bark of my dog. I ' ve got to run. Another barge is passing by.

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