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Lesson 42 Finding the Perfect Man 寻找如意郎君

Words: comparable adj. 可比的，比得上的；类似的
comparative adj. 比较的
compassion n. 怜悯，同情
compatible adj. 可以并存的，相容的，协调的
compel vt. 强迫，使不得不
compelling adj. 紧迫的，使人非相信不可的
compensate vt. 补偿，赔偿
compensatory adj. 补偿性的
compete vi. 竞争，比得上
competence n. 能力，胜任
competent adj. 有能力的，能胜任的
competition n. 竞争，竞赛
competitiveness n. 竞争能力
compile vt. 汇集，编辑
complacence n. 自满，自以为是
complaint n. 抱怨，怨言
complement vt. 补充，使完善
complementary adj. 补充的，补足的
complex adj. 复杂的，费解的；结构复杂的；n. 综合体
complexity n. 复杂（性）
“ I want to get married, but I ’ m having trouble finding a compatible man! ” Mary said with a sigh. “ He must possess a measure of competitiveness because I hate complacence. However, his desire for competition has to be complemented with a degree of compassion. ” “ That type of man won ’ t be easy to find! ” Jane replied. “ I would prefer a man with a personality that is complementary to mine. He ’ d have to be a competent cook because I have absolutely no competence in that area. I ’ d also want him to be intelligent so that he can compensate for my inability to solve complex problems. ” “ You two girls are crying for the moon. ” Ruth said. “ What you really need is someone who will love you without complaint, like my last

boyfriend. I never had to compel him to express his feelings to me. I think, in his mind, love was not a complexity. But how am I ever going to find someone who is comparable to my ex-boyfriend? ”

“ I suppose you can do a comparative study of every new guy you meet, ” Mary replied with a laugh. “ Or you can call up your ex-boyfriend and beg him to take you back. But why would he want you back after you made him compete with his best friend for your affection? It ’ s not like you can make things right with compensatory affection, can you? ” “ Look, girls, ” Jane said with a tone of dismay. “ We ’ re not exactly princesses. We ’ re 30 years old and we ’ re still being too picky. Don ’ t you think we have enough compelling reasons to lower our standards? Why don ’ t we just compile a list of all single men over 3 who wouldn ’ t mind going out with us? ” “ Good idea! ” replied Mary and Ruth.

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