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Lesson 54 The Meteor 流星 Words: cozy adj. 舒适的 crab n. 蟹 crack n. 裂缝，裂纹，缺点；v. 破裂，裂纹 craft n. 手艺；容器；v. 巧手制作 crafty adj. 灵活的，巧妙的，机灵的 cram vt. 填塞；匆忙准备（考试） cramped adj. 狭窄的 crash n. 撞碎；n. 碰撞，堕落 crater n. 火山口；弹坑，坑，陨石坑 crave vi. 渴望，渴求；vt. 渴望得到 crawl vi. 爬，爬行 crayon n. 彩色笔，粉笔，粉笔画，蜡笔画 credence n. 信任，相信 credential n. 凭证，文凭 credit n. 学分；信誉，信用，荣誉；声望；贷方，银行贷款；vt. 认定。。。，把。。。归给，归于 creditor n. 债权人 credulous adj. 轻信的，易信的 creed n. 信仰，信条 creek n. 小溪，小河 creep vi. 慢慢行进；爬行 Once upon a time, there was a crab who lived in a crack on the side of a creek. One day, he and his daughter crawled to the bank to apply for credit. The manager of the bank was credulous individual named Mr. Fish. Mr. Fish invited the crab and his daughter into his cozy office. “ Here are some crayons to keep your daughter busy, ” said Mr. Fish. “ Now, what can I do for you? ” “ I would like to apply for some credit, ” said the crab. “ Here are my credentials. ” “ Your prior creditor, Mr. Frog, told me that you still haven ’ t paid his back. ” said Mr. Fish. “ But this is an emergency, ” said the crab. “ A meteor crashed into my home. It created a large crater and cramped us into a small corner. I need the credit to buy stones and glue to fix my house. ” “ Ha ha ha, ” laughed the crab. “ You and

I share the same creed, so I would like to believe you. But I can't give credence to your still story. ” “ Okay, ” relied the crab. “ By the way, the meteor also caused some worms to lose their homes. I crafted a small box for you and filled it with worms. ” “ You know how I crave worms, ” said Mr. Fish, as he grabbed one that was creeping away. “ There's more where that came from, ” said the crab. “ Really? ” said Mr. Fish. “ You are a crafty customer. I know there's no meteor and that you just want to build another room for your cramped house. But I'll give you the credit this time. ”

“ Great, shall we shake on it? ” asked the crab, extending his sharp pinchers. “ No, thanks, ” said Mr. Fish. “ I'd rather not. ”

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