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Off to a bad start 不好的开端 The new cultural centre was inaugurated with much burning of incense and the delivery of a large number of important speeches. Every foreseeable eventuality had been taken care of, or so the organisers thought. Sadly, however, there were a couple of unfortunate incidents that marred the occasion. First of all, the incense that was being burned was impure. This led to a high incidence of cases of nausea among people attending the ceremony. Secondly, there was the incessant clutter of the new air-conditioning system that had only just been installed. Mark brown, a member of the organising committee, felt a sudden impulse to deal with at least some of those problems. " we cannot do much about the impurities in the incense. We shall have to improvise some quick fixes, " he said. The workman who was called in to inactivate the air conditioning was an impudent fellow. " the mechanism is quite inaccessible. " He said, " what if I do myself an injury going in there and become incapacitated? I might even become inanimate dead, in other words, what ' s the incentive for me to go in there? He demanded to know. Mark brown was incensed. " your behaviour is highly improper! " he said angrily. " You are being much too impulsive! Don ' t think you can get away with this with impunity! Just go down there and do your job, my lad, if you don ' t mind. " Reluctantly, the workman caved in , but not without a final sting: " are you imputing that it ' s me who is

responsible for this situation? I certainly hope not , and, imcidentally, that will be 98 pounds, if I do go down there. ” 新的文化中心的开幕仪式上点燃了许多熏香，进行了大量重要的演讲。任何可能发生的事情都照顾到了，至少组织者是这么认为的，然而，遗憾的是，一些不幸的事件破坏了仪式。首先，正在燃烧的熏香是脏的。这导致参加仪式的人恶心的发生率很高。第二，刚装好的新空调系统连续发生混乱。马克。布朗是组委会的一员，他突然感到一阵冲动，要处理其中一些问题。“我们无法对熏香中的杂质做什么，我们必须临时做一些快速补救。”他说。被叫来使空调停止转动的工人是一个粗鲁的家伙。“这个机械装置比较不易进入，”他说。“如果我到那里受了伤，致残了，怎么办？我甚至可能变成无生命的换句话说，死了。我进入那里的动机是什么？他要求知道答案。马克。布朗被激怒了。“你的行为非常不得体！”他生气地说。“你太容易冲动了！别以为你不受处罚就可以这样逃脱了！如果你不介意，只管下去干你的活，小伙子。”工人不情愿地钻进去了，但最后不忘抬竹杠：“你是不是把现在的烂摊子归咎于我，让我对此负责？我当然希望你不要这样想，还有，顺便提一句，如果我下到那里面，那就要98镑。”

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