

英文欣赏



A GOODBYE KISS



The Board Meeting had come to an end. Bob started to stand up and jostled the table, spilling his coffee over his notes. "How embarrassing. I am getting so clumsy in my old age."

Everyone had a good laugh, and soon we were all telling stories of our most embarrassing moments. It came around to Frank who sat quietly listening to the others. Someone said, "Come on, Frank. Tell us your most embarrassing moment."

Frank began, "I grew up in San Pedro. My Dad was a fisherman, and he loved the sea. He had his own boat, but it was hard making a living on the sea. He worked hard and would stay out until he caught enough to feed his family. Not just enough for our family, but also for his Mom and Dad and the other kids that were still and home."

He looked at us and said, "I wish you could have met my Dad. He was a big man, and he was strong from pulling the nets and fighting the seas for his catch. When you got close to him, he

smelled the ocean."

Frank's voice dropped a bit. "When the weather was bad he would drive me to school. He would pull right up in front, and it seemed like everybody would be standing around and watching. Then he would lean over and give me a big kiss on the cheek and tell me to be a good boy. It was so embarrassing for me. Here I was twelve years old, and my Dad would lean over and kiss me good-bye!"

He paused and then went on, "I remember the day I thought I was too old for a good-bye kiss. When we got the school and came to a stop, he had his usual big smile. He started to lean toward me, but I put my hand up and said, 'No, Dad.' It was the first time I had ever talked to him that way, and he had this surprised look on his face.

I said, 'Dad, I'm too old for a good-bye kiss. I'm too old for any kind of kiss.' My Dad looked at me for the longest time, and his eyes started to tear up. I had never seen him cry. He turned and looked out the windshield. 'You're right,' he said. 'You are a big boy..... a man. I won't kiss you anymore.'"

For the moment, Frank got a funny look on his face, and the tears began to well up in his eyes. "It wasn't long after that when my Dad went to sea and never came back."

I looked at Frank and saw that tears were running down his cheeks. Frank spoke again. "Guys, you don't know what I would give to have my Dad give me just one more kiss on the cheek..... to feel his rough old face..... to smell the ocean on him..... to feel his arm around my neck. I wish I had been a man then. If I had been a man, I would have told my Dad I was too old for a good-bye kiss."

English Proverb

A bad beginning makes a bad ending.

A bad bush is better than the open field.

A bad compromise is better than a good lawsuit

A bad conscience is a snake in one's heart.

A bad custom is like a good cake, better broken than kept.

A bad padlock invites a picklock.

A bad penny always turns up

A bad workman quarrels with his tools.

A bargain is a bargain.

A beggar's purse is bottomless.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

A bird is known by its note, and a man by his talk.

A bird may be known by its song.

A bit in the morning is better than nothing all day. A blind man who leans against a wall imagines that it's the boundary of the world

A blind man will not thank you for a looking-glass.

A book is the same today as it always was and it will never change. A book that remains shut is but a block.

A borrowed cloak does not keep one warm.

Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens it. A burden of one's choice is not felt.

A burnt child dreads the fire. A candle lights others and consumes itself.

Accidents will happen.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

A fair face may hide a foul heart.

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