

第 86 篇 [寫一故事的開場白] [Create an Opening Scene of a Story]

命題大意：練習故事寫作，對一故事開場時景象的描述

寫作大意：以這次自回家時作說明

ASSIGNMENT for 9/15/2004 : (assigned on 9/8/2004)

Create an opening scene of a story, representing a protagonist and antagonist.

Be sure to include a narrative hook, a time, place and setting, narrative and dialogue.

Keep your beginning no more than 300 words.

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SUBMISSION 9/15/2004

It was 11:20 AM, I drove home from the resumed writer's- roundtable class 9/8/2004. I parked the car, closed the garage door and hurried upstairs to see my sick wife lying on the reclined chair before an unopened TV in the wood deck living room. "Are you OK?" I asked. She saying nothing but smiled faintly. Door bell chiming, told the meals- on- wheels at the gate.

I went out to pick up, striding along the pavement aside the mini gardens of the five units condominium, knowing some changes recently. Unit A changed owners, B now empty. The couple in 80s of C just moved to an one- flat- smaller apartment for easier living, and the couple in 90s of E had moved to a nursery since last year. Minshan and I still here but unusual.

Entering the house with the meals, heard Minshan suggested: " Now not a rush hour in the bank, I need you have the two checks deposited and get some cash for paying the maid." I walked to the nearby bank doing what she said. Back to home, I found she had moved at the kitchen dining table with walker and grab bars. We started eating and chatting. She asked: "How is your class after a three months' pause? What is your assignment today? ". I replied: "All members were fine there except Anna, Ellie and another couple ladies missing. This time Jane changed the assignment style a bit. The first assignment is to give the beginning scene of a story. I am just pondering about how to write" She inserted: "You might use the scene of our present life. It should be no difficult to write a story to continue". I thanked his enlighten and said: " The topic could be: 'Twilight is beautiful, May it last longer!' "