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# Ambition

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- ◆ Part I:line1~line11
  - ◆ Part II:line12~line25
  - ◆ Part III:line26~line33
  - ◆ Part IV:line34~line47
  - ◆ Part V:line48~line54



- ◆ The author and her three friends all have had grandiose dreams and she has liked ambitious people because they're entertaining, interesting to talk to and fun to watch.

# Clarification (Astrid)

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- ◆ line3 matter-of-factly:said or done without showing any emotion, especially in a situation in which you would expect somebody to express their feelings
- ◆ line3 mutual:shared by two or more people
- ◆ line6 smart-ass:self-righteous
- ◆ line8 grandiose:seeming very impressive but too large, complicated, expensive, etc.
- ◆ line9 buddy:friend



# Question (Rosslynn)

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- ◆ line1 "my friend Beth was very ambitious, not only for herself but for her friends." Why does it use "for" ?What's the function?

# Translation (Victoria)

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- ◆ Line 9~11
- ◆ 我喜欢这种人，不是因为我极度渴望成为未来国务卿的密友，而是因为我发现抱负远大的人令人愉快，与他们谈话很有趣，看着他们也很开心。当然，我喜欢他们还因为我自己也是抱负远大的，而且，我不会为此而感到抱歉。



# Connection (Sharon)

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- ◆ line8 grandiose
- ◆ Many people had grandiose dreams in their childhood. Most of them wanted to be scientists, some of them wanted to be astronauts, and I wanted to be the president of America until I realized that only American could achieve it.

- ◆ Ambition has gotten bad press in the seventeenth century and became desirable in the late seventies and the eighties, but the author thinks ambition is dreaming big dreams which suggest that the world could open up at any time, with work and luck and determination.



# Clarification (Victoria)

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- ◆ line12 press:the judgment that is given of someone or something in the newspapers or on radio or television.
- ◆ line13 lust[lʌst]:very strong desire for sth. or enjoyment of sth.
- ◆ line13 enumerate[ɪ'nu:məreɪt]:to name things on a list one by one
- ◆ line14 profoundly[prə'faʊndli]:in a way that has a very great effect on sb. / sth.
- ◆ line15 ruthless['ru θ lɪs]:(of people or their behaviour)hard and cruel; determined to get what you want or not caring if you hurt other people

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- ◆ line 15 hard as nails: (of person) very tough, very cruel or unfeeling without worrying about the pain or danger he might cause to others
  - ◆ line 15 claw one's way to success: use every means to achieve success; achieve success with difficulty and by hurting others
  - ◆ line 18 bestseller: a book that has had a large and rapid sale
  - ◆ line 18 nasty ['næsti]: very bad or unpleasant
  - ◆ line 22 stomp [sta:mp]: to walk, dance, or move with heavy steps
  - ◆ line 24 hit it big: become very successful or famous



# Question (Fiona)

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- ◆ line21 to line22 "I don't really like...Way to Success." What's the structure of this sentence?

# Translation (Sharon)

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- ◆ line20~line24
- ◆ 我所说的雄心是指尽情的梦想，让你拥有无尽的期盼和希望。我并不太喜欢非常明确、可以实现的志向，那种像《如何走向成功》的作者的职业策略课程中教人们所树立的那种志向。我喜欢宏大的理想，世界可能会在任何时候向我们敞开大门，只要你足够勤奋、好运和坚定。



# Connection (Rosslynn)

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- ◆ 1. line14 profoundly
- ◆ Remembering the days in Turkey, my family and I got up at midnight, waiting to take a hot balloon. At daybreak, we finally got on to the hot balloon. When I took a bird-view of the plateau, I was shocked profoundly by the force of nature.
- ◆ 2. Line19 look out for number one
- ◆ I used to hate friendship among three persons. In this kind of relationship, I have to consider the other two persons' feelings, but sometimes they may hold an opposite opinion, then I will find myself trapped in the middle. Later, I learned that I should look out for number one so that I won't be in a dilemma.

- ◆ The author says we should gradually learn to limit our ambitions and become more realistic and wiser.



# Clarification (Sharon)

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- ◆ line32 adventurous[əd'ventʃərəs]: full of new, exciting or dangerous experiences
- ◆ line32 exotic:seeming exciting and unusual because it is connected with foreign countries

## Question (Astrid)

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- ◆ line31 ";it turned out that wasn't enough of a basis for a life."  
What is the structure of this sentence?What does it mean?
- ◆ line33 "to leave behind a string of broken hearts." What's the meaning of this sentence?



# Translation (Rosslynn)

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- ◆ line28~33
- ◆ 有时候，当你接近你想要的东西时，结果却发现从远处看它要更加美好。回到我读大一的时候，说实话，那会儿我想成为Jane • Goodall，深入热带雨林研究猴子，学习那些没有人敢幻想的事物。这份志向基于我对生物学和国家地理专题电视节目的兴趣。但结果那不足以作为生活的基础。我注定不能过那种充满冒险的野外生活，独自闯荡偏远的异域他乡，并留下一颗破碎的心。

# Connection (Fiona)

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- ◆ line32 exotic
- ◆ Consumers are increasingly interested in the authentically exotic tastes. Just as cross stripe sweater in British style becomes very popular among teens and adults.



- ◆ Author thinks that the world is full of disappointed people and ambitious people.

# Clarification (Rosslynn)

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- ◆ Line 36 for one reason or another:for some reason.
- ◆ Line 41 gratification:state of being gratified; great satisfaction.
- ◆ Line 43 residency:the position of physician who is receiving special training in a hospital (usually after completing an internship) .
- ◆ Line 43 slog:work doggedly or persistently



# Question (Victoria)

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- ◆ line34 "some of them...it never happend." Why is the word "feel" in present tense?
- ◆ line44 "telling yourself that one day all this will be over." Can we use "all these" instead of "all this"?
- ◆ line 46- 47 "but a job you do only because of where it will get you- and not because you like it- means a life of muttering to yourself," How can we understand this sentence?And what's the function of the dash?

# Translation (Fiona)

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- ◆ line38~line41
- ◆ 这世界也充满了这样一些人，他们雄心勃勃，沉迷于工作乃至苦干，以至于在他们通往成功的道路上，其他事物一概毫无价值。因此，生活变成了漫长的苦练，不断延迟成功的喜悦；你做任何事都只是为了有一天能够实现你的目标。



# Connection (Astrid)

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- ◆ line41 gratification
- ◆ line47 disposition
- ◆ We all like friends with sunny dispositions, and such kind of friends who are always willing to help us out and ease our life are great gratifications to us.

- ◆ Although the author is not as ambitious as when she was a freshman, she still feel happy to find there is still some ambitions inside her.



# Clarification (Fiona)

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- ◆ line50 piously ['paɪəslɪ]:having or showing a deep respect for God and religion
- ◆ line51 pediatrician [ˌpiːdɪr' trɪʃn]:a doctor who studies or treats the diseases of children

## Question (Sharon)

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- ◆ line48 "I try to be mature about it all." What's the speech of the word "all"?
- ◆ line48 "I don't assign my friends Nobel Prizes or top government posts." What's the meaning of the word "assign"?
- ◆ line53~54 "I'm glad to find that little voice still there" Why does this sentence omit "is" between "voice" and "still"?



# Translation (Astrid)

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- ◆ line50~line53
- ◆ 相反，我可以虔诚地说，我追求的只有三件事：尽可能地写好小说，拥有一个家庭，以及成为一名优秀的儿科医生。当然，此时我内心里有一个声音在悄悄地说：写一本畅销书，生十个孩子，作出惊人的医学研究。名和利，这声音在轻声叮咛，名和利。

# Connection (Victoria)

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- ◆ line 50 Piously
- ◆ When I was young, my grandmother always took me to temples. When she asked me to kneel piously, I was unwilling to do as she said because I thought it was superstition. So one day I refused her, which made her very mad and afraid. She knelt piously and apologized for my behaviours. I couldn't understand her at that time, but now I think I should show consideration for her.