

- Balzac -

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One bookseller decided / to **offer** Balzac 3,000 francs (about 63 million yen) / for his next book.// When he saw / that Balzac lived in a poor **neighborhood**, / the offer became 2,000 francs.// When he saw / that Balzac lived on the top floor, / the cheapest room/ in the days before **elevators**, / it became 500 francs.// When he saw / Balzac **dipping** bread in water, / he bought Balzac's next novel / for only 300 francs (6 million yen).//

A **thief** once broke into his **apartment**.// When he tried to open Balzac's writing desk, / he heard a **laugh**.// Balzac was **awake**!// He was laughing/ at how much **risk** the thief had taken,/ looking for money/ in a desk by night,/ **though** the owner could find no **cash** / in it by day.//

難しい / アーティストでいることは// バルザックという、著名で成功したフランスの小説家は / 永遠に貧しかった// 彼は『ゴリオ爺さん』を書き / 彼の『人間喜劇』は、90 巻ほどの長さの小説である//

ある本屋の店主は決めた / バルザックに 3,000 フラン(約 6,300 万円)を提示すると / 彼の次の本に対して// 彼が知った時 / バルザックが貧しい地域に住んでいること / その提示は 2,000 フランになった// 彼が知った時 / バルザックが最上階に住んでいること / 最も安い部屋だった / エレベーターがない時代では / その提示は 500 フランになった// 彼が知った時 / バルザックが水にパンを浸していること / 彼はバルザックの次の小説を買った / わずか 300 フラン(600 万円)で//

ある泥棒が彼のアパートに侵入したことがあった// 彼がバルザックの書き物机を開けようとした時 / 笑い声が聞こえた// バルザックは起きていた!// 彼は笑っていた/ 大変なリスクを泥棒が冒している様子を/ お金を探して/ 夜の机の中に/ 持ち主も現金を見つけられなかったというのに / 昼間の机の中に//

Vocabulary and Phrases

artist	アーティスト	apartment	アパート / 集合住宅
novelist	小説家	desk	机
successful	成功している	laugh	笑う / 笑い声
offer	提示する	awake	起きている
neighborhood	地域、近所	risk	リスク
elevator	エレベーター	though	~にもかかわらず
dip	浸す	cash	現金
thief	泥棒		

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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A thief once _____ his apartment. When he tried to open Balzac's writing desk, he heard a laugh. Balzac was _____! He was laughing at how much risk the thief had taken, looking for _____ in a desk by night, though the owner could find no cash in it by _____.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What did Balzac write?

Question 2: Why did Balzac laugh?

Question 3: Do you like books? If so, what kind? If not, why not?

Ask 1: 答えが「300 francs」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Thief についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: Père Goriot / novels / The Human Comedy

Sample Answer 2: A thief tried to find money in his desk, but he could never find any there himself.

Sample Answer 3: I like books, books with no words but only pictures./
I do not like books because they smell bad./
etc...

Sample Question 1: How much was Balzac payed for a book? /
To what did the bookseller reduce the price for Balzac's next book after seeing how poor the man was? /
etc...

Sample Question 2: Where was the thief in the story? /
Why was the thief laughed at in the story? /
Who was this thief? /
Did the thief escape? / etc...

Sample Question 3: What is Père Goriot about? /
Why was Balzac poor even though he was famous? /
What did it smell like in Paris? /
etc...