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<u>救生舱展出</u>



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Chilean Capsule 智利救生舱

Insert: The BBC's Andrew Harding – 2010

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Will: Hello, I'm William and I'm here with Li to talk about a true story with a happy ending: the successful rescue of a group of 33 miners in Chile in

2010.

Li: 大家好我是杨莉。我想大家一定都还记得那段奇迹吧? 2010 年 33 名智利矿工被

困在井下长达 10 个星期之后终于奇迹般地被成功地抢救返回 地面,那消息真是令人感慨令人激动啊! 这全靠的是一个小小的救生舱 a tiny capsule。 It's a

great story, Will!

Will: It is. And now people in Europe will be able to see this famous capsule

as it is on display at the prestigious Science Museum here in London.

Li: Oh this is exciting! 2010 年事故发生期间全球都电视播出了抢救过程特别是这

个小小的救生舱的照片 the capsule. 嗯,我不知道在这小小的救生舱里呆这么长

的时间是什么感觉。

Will: The Science Museum's contemporary science manager, Katrina Nilsson,

entered the capsule, which is called Phoenix-2, for a report by the BBC on the exhibit. Listen out to how she thinks it must have felt like inside.

Insert: The Science Museum's Katrina Nilsson

It's an incredibly small space that the miners had to stand in. It's also constricted at the back because there's equipment here. It must have been frightening spending 20 minutes, which is what the journey of the first miner took. Gradually the journey time reduced so the final miner was out in around eight minutes.

Will: Did you hear? Katrina Nilsson said that it must have been frightening

inside the capsule.

Li: 让人害怕的。I'd have felt frightened too. Will 她说那里面没有多少活动的空

间,是吧?

Will: No, she couldn't move much inside the capsule. It was constricted at

the back because of equipment.

Li: Constricted 意思是受限制的,狭窄的,因为在救生舱里还装有一个仪器。

Will: And Katrina Nilsson tells us next what this equipment is. Have a listen.

Insert: The Science Museum's Katrina Nilsson

So inside, this would've contained oxygen so that the miners had an air supply whilst travelling up the shaft. They would have also been harnessed in in case they collapsed.

Will: So Li, what was inside the capsule?

Li: It was oxygen! 氧气。

Will: Yes, oxygen! The miners had to have an air supply.

Li: 当然没有氧气是绝对不行的。救生舱从井底到地面需要 8 到 20 分钟。在那段时间

里, 舱里的人需要有氧气, 空气。air supply.

Will: And they were harnessed in in case they collapsed.

Li: 为防止他们昏厥到下还为每个人都配备了安全盔甲 harnessed in in case they

collapsed。 Will, 看来这个救生舱很独特, 是吧?

Will: It is a unique piece of equipment, but it is not the only one in

existence. The one on display in the Science Museum was used in the mine, but there was another one that was its twin. Katrina Nilsson talks about it next. Let's listen. What was the second capsule used for?

Insert: The Science Museum's Katrina Nilsson

This is Phoenix-2. This is identical to the capsule that actually went down and rescued the miners. You could say it's its twin. This capsule was used for test-runs – everything had to be right before a miner was actually put in a capsule and pulled up the shaft.

Will: The Science Museum's manager tells us that the capsule Phoenix-2

was used for test-runs.

Li: Test-runs 就是试验。为了确保营救的成功要先试试看。 It must have been a

very dramatic moment!

Will: Well, the day the miners were rescued was unforgettable. They were

brought to the surface one by one on 14th October 2010. Do you

remember that. Li?

Li: Of course I do. 我记得智利总统也在现场目睹了那激动人心的时刻!

Will: And the whole operation was so very full of risks as nobody knew if it

was going to work as planned. The BBC's reporter Andrew Harding was there. Let's now go back to that scene when the last miner came out

of the shaft.

Insert: The BBC's Andrew Harding - 2010

Wonderful scenes here outside the mine as the celebrations really get started. It seemed ... until the last miner was out people were understandable holding back, just in case there was a problem. Well, a few minutes ago the last man was brought out safely and this place erupted into wild cheers.

Will: The BBC's reporter Andrew Harding said that people were holding back

in case the rescue failed or a tragedy ensued.

Li: Holding back 意思是抑制。

Will: But when the miners were all brought back to the surface and looked

alright the people in the area erupted into wild cheers. Erupted, like a

volcano.

Li: Erupted 意思是爆发。在场的人群爆发出狂喜狂叫 erupted into wild cheers.

Will: Yes, it's great to have a good news story, isn't it? And I am going to

have a good time in the Science Museum, Li. I'm going to go there and check out this capsule. But I'm glad to say I will be looking at it from

the outside.

Li: Okay, enjoy, Will. Bye.

Will: Bye.