失敗的重要性 The Importance of Failure

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The story, 失敗不是"句號", is about a lady who is being interviewed at a company for a job. She talks about her previous job as a secretary and one of her experiences there. One month, she wrote her old company's monthly meeting speech for her boss, but accidentally used words that were not familiar to her boss. She was then fired by her boss for inadvertently embarrassing him. She neither blames herself nor her boss for her lack of employment, but instead blames her inability to fully understand her boss. While some people say that the problem was that she had just started working, the real problem was that there was not initiative from work for her, thus leading to her failure. After she recognizes her mistakes, she learns from them about how to be a better employee. Seeing how dedicated she is to improving herself and her work, the company hires her on the spot.

The story described above shows that success only comes to those who can accept failure gracefully and learn from their mistakes in order to improve themselves. Therefore, humans should not be afraid of failure. Failures should instead be seen as an opportunity to learn and rise up to the challenges following these mistakes. By doing so, humans are able to better themselves academically, career-wise, personally. I find this line of thinking to be very true, especially when it comes to school work. When one does poorly on assignment, quiz, or test, one

can always learn something new from mistakes. Whether it is a new way to study, new facts, or even a new perspective on things, what happens after your failure depends on you. The secretary really embodies the idea that a person decides what happens next. She could have just wallowed in misery or blamed others for her mistakes, but that would not have led her to being hired. By learning from her mistakes, the secretary shows that mistakes and failures are just stepping blocks to success if utilized properly.