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THÈME

In the middle of the afternoon, I was interrupted by my neighbour Leo Horowitz. He had not seen me all day, was worried, and was coming to make sure I was okay. [...]

He must have found it strange that I did not invite him in and guessed that I was hiding something from him. He insisted :

"Are you sure?" he asked again in a curious voice.

"Absolutely. Nothing special. I am working."

Suddenly, he saw Duke - who had woken up and wanted

to see what was going on - show up behind me.

Leo's eyes widened.

"Marcus, what is this dog doing at your place?"

I looked down, ashamed. [...]

"I wanted to go and see Alexandra", I explained. "And

then I saw the dog going out of the property. I thought that

I could take him here, keep him for the day, and bring

him back tonight, pretending that he came to my place by

himself."

"You have lost your mind, my poor friend. You actually

stole him."

"I borrowed him. I am not intending to keep him. I only need

him for a few hours."

Leo, while listening to me, headed towards the kitchen

took a bottle of water in the fridge without asking,
and took a seat at the bar.

VERSION

Son père ne l'attendait pas.

Elle balaya la voie du regard, jusqu'à la gare, et
vit un homme, grand, qui se tenait sur le minuscule quai.
Il en descendit d'un bond et courut à sa rencontre.

Il l'attrapa et l'entoura toute entière de ses bras, l'éloigna
de lui, l'embrassa sur la bouche de toutes ses forces, puis
l'embrassa doucement.

« Pas ici, Hank », murmura-t-elle, ravie.

« Blunt, jeune fille », dit-il en tenant son visage face à
lui. « Je t'embrasserai sur les marches du tribunal
si j'en ai envie. »

Cet homme qui avait le droit de l'embrasser sur les
marches du tribunal, c'était Henry Blinton, son ami
de toujours, le camarade de son frère et, s'il continuait à
l'embrasser ainsi, son futur mari. Elle aimait de plus en plus
le dicton « crime qui tu veux mais épouse quelqu'un
comme toi. » Henry Blinton était comme Jean
Louise, et désormais, elle ne trouvait plus que ce dicton
soit particulièrement rude.

Ils longèrent la voie bras dessus, bras dessous pour
aller récupérer sa valise.

« Comment va Atticus? » demanda-t-elle.

« Il a des crampes aux mains et aux épaules, aujourd'hui.

- Il ne peut pas conduire, quand il est comme ça, si? »

Henry replia à moitié les doigts de sa main droite

st dit : « il n'arrive pas à les fermer plus que sa.

Mademoiselle Alexandra doit lui faire ses lacets et fermer

les boutons de ses chemises, quand il est dans cet état.

Il n'arrive même pas à tenir un rasoir. »

Jean Louis hochu la tête. Elle était trop vieille pour

se plaindre de l'injustice de cette situation, mais trop jeune

pour accepter la maladie paralysante de son père sans se

battre comme elle pouvait.

« Ils ne peuvent rien y faire ? »

ESSAI ①

Mark Zuckerberg lately announced that he was giving away \$ 45 billion to a charity he created with his wife. Although this gift looked at first extremely generous and was applauded by the world, the author of this article stands with those who argue that this is rather some business strategy. //

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Indeed, according to Lindsey McGoey, this transaction is

more of a money transfer from one company to another, than an actual gift, as Zuckerberg did not give the money to an existing charity, but to an investment company he created.

100 Thus, he still has the free right to use that money however he intends to.

Yet, some people might make the case for what they call a new "philanthrocapitalism", which is basically a new concept of charity ruled by the leaders of business and capitalism.

150 They claim that it is even better than charity, as it does not simply give to the poor, but invest on them, which might actually change the world.

But to this, the journalist answers that this strategy has long existed among businessmen but has never had any effect on poverty reduction: it only gives the rich more opportunities to invest and thus get richer. Indeed, it makes it possible for them to create more investment companies - such as the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative - and even allow them to make profit out of investments in programmes offering microfinance or social benefits.

250 Thus, according to this article, Zuckerberg's gift is nothing but a business strategy which makes it possible for him to invest even more and make even more money. [263 words]

ESSAI ②

Actual philanthropy should not be motivated by anything and be utterly spontaneous. Yet, I believe that most of the time, many

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things do motivate philanthropy and, unconsciously, give us good reasons to be kind or generous.

50 First, I think that education has a lot to do with philanthropy. I do not think that people would act generous or particularly kind if they had not been told their whole life that it is the right thing to do. As philosopher Hobbes demonstrated, people, without culture and education, are nothing but animals, who act violently to defend themselves.

100 Religion has also played a great role in this, as in Catholicism, for instance, people are only granted their access to Paradise if they have shown perfect philanthropy to their peers during their lifetime.

150 Moreover, most philanthropic actions are motivated by a will of defending our reputation. We want people to see us as good persons, first because it makes us feel good about ourselves, too, secondly because it may allow us to obtain things from them later. In the TV show *Desperate Housewives*, people often bring muffins to their new neighbours, which most of the time is an attempt to give themselves good reputation in the street.

This is true for companies too. For instance, Diego della Valle, the CEO of shoes brand *Pod's* has paid for the works of the Colosseum, in Rome: he made no direct profit from this, but it gave his brand some great advertising

250 Thus, I think that not only has philanthropy nothing natural, but, most of the time, it is motivated by our will to satisfy our own needs. [272 words]

DES BONS POINTS EN TRADUCTION

► Thème

- "He must have found it strange" = « il dut trouver étrange ».
- "ashamed" = « honteux ».
- "you have lost your mind" = « vous êtes tombé sur la tête ».

► Version

- « elle balaya la voie du regard, jusqu'à la gare » = "she looked up the track toward the station".
- « ravie » = "much pleased".
- « rude » = "harsh".
- « doit lui faire ses lacets et fermer les boutons de ses chemises » = "has to tie his shoes and button up his shirts".
- « la maladie paralysante » = "crippling disease".

STRUCTURES DE PHRASES INTÉRESSANTES À RÉUTILISER DANS VOS ESSAIS

- "make the case for" = « défendre une idée ».
- "they claim that" = « ils revendiquent que ».
- "hus..." = « donc /c'est pourquoi ».
- "moreover ..." = « de plus ».

VOCABULAIRE JUDICIEUX ET STRATÉGIQUE EMPLOYÉ PAR LE CANDIDAT

- "to be applauded" = « être applaudi ».
- "however he intends to" = « comme il veut ».
- "ruled by" = « dominé par ».
- "utterly" = « totalement / absolument ».

POINT DE CIVILISATION IMPORTANT

- Encore une fois, dans des Q2 plus générales et « simples » comme celle-ci, il ne faut pas se laisser décourager par l'apparence de la question. Il est tout à fait possible d'inclure des références originales et plus creusées comme l'a fait la candidate en parlant de la nature de l'homme selon Hobbes.
- Aussi, c'était assez original de mélanger les références sur la morale prêchée dans la Bible et des scènes de Desperate Housewives.