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Displaying his characteristic penchant for the macabre, the tender and the comic, Michael Tournier presents the traditional Magi describing their personal odysseys to Bethlehem--and audaciously imagines a fourth, "the eternal latecomer" whose story of hardship and redemption is the most moving and instructive of all. Prince of Mangalore and son of an Indian maharajah, Taor has tasted an exquisite confection, rachat loukoum, and is so taken by the flavor that he sets out to recover the recipe. His quest takes him across Western Asia and finally lands him in Sodom, where he is imprisoned in a salt mine. There, this fourth wise man learns the recipe from a fellow prisoner, and learns of the existence and meaning of Jesus.

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评论

忍过了第一部分原型要素过多的不自在感之后，阅读体验渐入佳境，结构和寓言的平衡很美。主要讲的是第四个人，没有名字、始终迟到的人，JC的shadow，在尝过人世的咸味之后成为第一个进入天堂的使徒。JC依然在用爱战胜一切，但是不再以受刑唤醒世人。他回答了剩下三个人关于排他性的爱情、形象艺术和王朝政治的困惑。这同时让我想起了《悉达多》和《JC的学生时代》。

第四位来自东方的博士，永远迟了一步

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