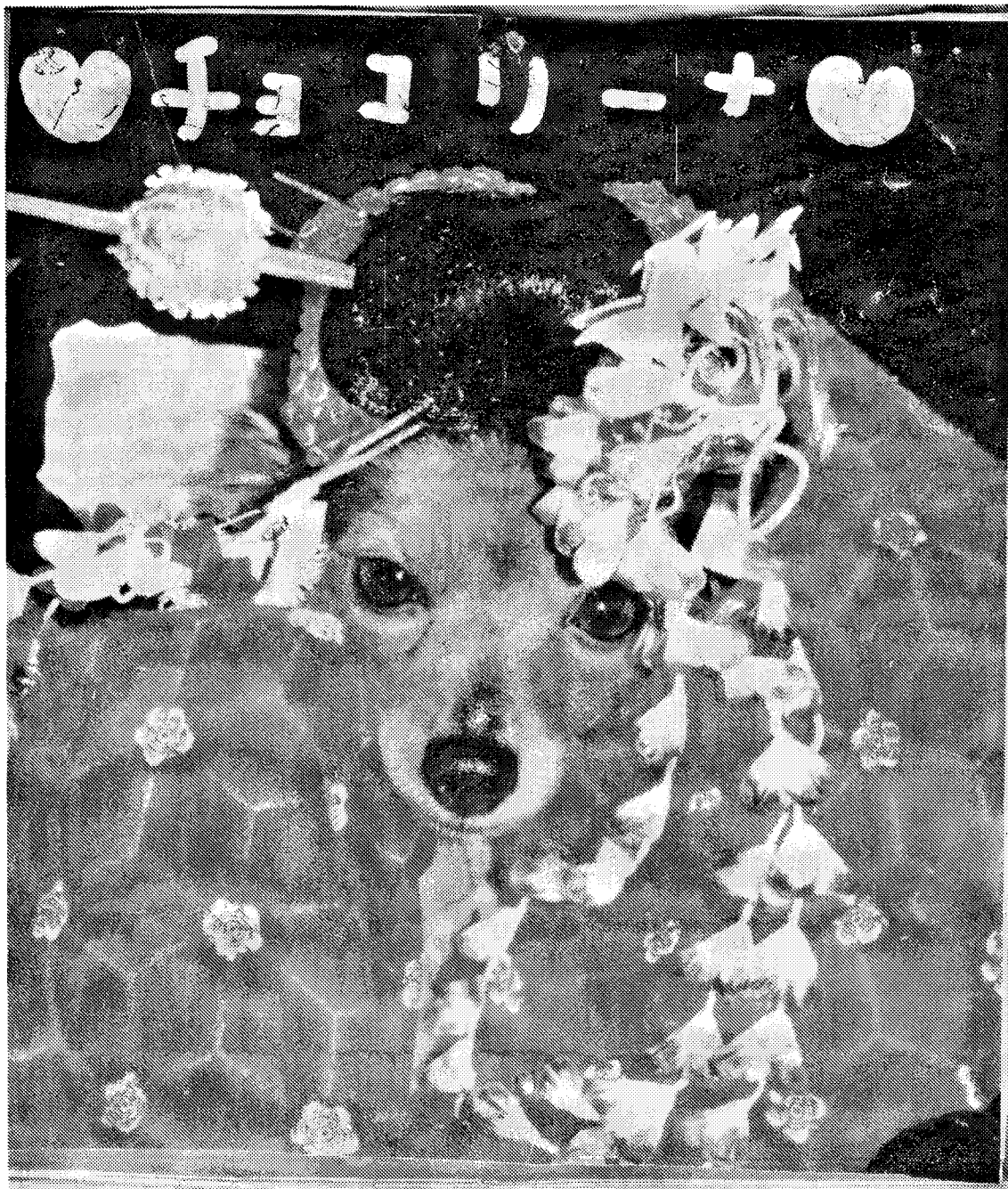


The Strength of a Dog's Love



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You are a dog named Choco. You live in Osaka with your master named Ken. You love him. You have the happiest time when with Ken. Ken loves you, too. He is very kind person and he plays and walks with you every day.

One day, he walks around the riverside with you, ordinarily. Then, a black car comes to you and passes. You suspect the black car and look at Ken, but he doesn't realize the queer black car and smiles at you. His smile makes you relieve, so you forget the car and enjoy the walking. After a few minutes, the black car comes to you again and suddenly a man gets out the car and makes him go into the car. You are very surprised and bark at him. Ken is calling your name, "Choco! Please help me, please!!"

The black car goes away, but you just bark. You are taken aback by that and you remain standing with amazement without words. Of course you must search for him. Ken is also waiting for your help. You are worry about your lovely master. You imagine scared and frighten master and hate for the kidnappers. It is only you that can rescue him! The weather is getting a little cloudy sky. You really want to meet him as soon as possible, but you feel a little lonely that search for him only by yourself. You have a nice friend, May who does very well by you.

If you choose to search for him alone sniffing his smell, GO TO PAGE 2.

If you search for him with your friend, May, GO TO PAGE 9.

You decide to search by yourself. Searching by yourself is good, because it is not to interfere with your search. You try to sniff your master's smell, but it ceased quickly, because Ken was kidnapped by the car. While walking, you consider why he should be kidnapped. But you can't come up with a good idea. In a fit of sadness, you can't consider at all. You just remember the wonderful times which you spend with him. You really miss him and decide to find him by all means. Your stomach is rumbling, because you haven't eaten anything for morning. Because of the hunger and sadness, you don't want to move anymore. You are perplexed and get lost at the end of your wits.

You consider what you should do next. If you return to the riverside, you may find something clues to discover him. On the other hand, there must be so many people in downtown that you may be able to find the persons who see him or know about his whereabouts, but it will be a lot of danger and must be tired. You can come up with only two ideas. You have to hurry to decide either way, or your master may be killed by the kidnappers! Only you can do now is to search for him with walking by yourself. Everything is for your master! Your choice influence master's live.

If you decide to return to the riverside, GO TO PAGE 3.

If you decide to go to the downtown, GO TO PAGE 4.

You come back to the riverside. You walk the riverside alone. You really want to meet Ken. This riverside is where you often come with Ken. He always plays with you. Ken is waiting for your help, so you never give up finding him. Is he safe? Is he alive? Why is he kidnapped? At night, you're so tired that you want to sleep. Then you find a cardboard box and decide to sleep in it.

In the morning, when you wake up, you see a figure. The man stands in front of your cardboard box. You think this is Ken, but he is not. You don't know the man, maybe he thinks you are a mutt. He stares at you and sits down in front of you. You don't know what to do. He puts his hand in his jacket pocket. You're a little bit afraid what he does to you. At the moment he picks up something and gives you. You open your eyes cautiously. It's some cookies. You haven't eaten anything since yesterday. You're really hungry, so you munch the cookies. Next time, he strokes your head and hugs you.

You were so alone, so you are very happy to be hug. You don't want to be alone anymore. You want to be with someone. He seems kind, but it's dangerous to follow a strange man. On the other hands, you have to look for ken. You looked for him, but you can't find him. You don't know what should you do.

If you decide to go with him, GO TO PAGE 5.

If you decide to go on searching for Ken, GO TO PAGE 6.

You decide to go to downtown instead of riverside. Ken's smell is no longer clear for you to sniff, but you can just walk to downtown to find Ken and you hope that he is safe in downtown. You have walked for four hour since Ken was kidnapped, and you didn't drink and you didn't eat anything since then. So you must endure your hunger. Then you see three men come to you, fortunately you can find that they hold something to drink with their hands. They notice you and one of them say to his companion.

"Look it!! It is very cute but it looks exhausted."

"It must be hungry. Now you can drink it, baby."

Another man said to you with sweet voice. He weeps his drink on the road. You are very pleased to drink. It is not delicious but you drink down. They leave you with loudly laughing. After a minute, you feel dizzy and you find the can which they threw away. It shows you

"Alcoholic Drink"

You can't walk well because of drunkenness, what is worse; you can't see downtown, other people and even other dogs. You think you should go on through the night or take a rest here and set out in tomorrow morning.

If you choose to go on your way to downtown through the night GO TO PAGE 8

If you want to take a rest and set out in tomorrow morning GO TO PAGE 7

The man keeps holding you. You can't find Ken yesterday, so you decide to be with the man. Then the man sets you off and says,

"Good bye, puppy. I'll come tomorrow."

He walks against you, so you follow him. He notices immediately that you are following. He looks back to me, and he stares me. He seems thinking about you. You don't know what should you do, so you wagged your tail to him with a smile. He sees you and smile too. He picks me up and walks to somewhere. I'm a little bit worrying about where he goes. You see his face and you decide to believe him. After a short walk, he and I reach a big house. He and you enter the house and you see a woman. She says,

"What a pretty dog!!"

The man says and smiles,

"Can I keep this dog? This dog was the riverside, it's like a mutt."

She seems pleased to hear that and gives him a nod. He hands you to her. She brings you to living room and put you down on the sofa. He brings you some milk and cookies. You gulp at the milk and cookies. They smile to watch while you are eating. I feel so good and they are so kind. I'm so happy to come to here. I can't find Ken, so I decide to be with them anew.

You decide to go on searching for Ken. At the moment, the man holds me up. You decide not to go with him, so you try to escape from him. He holds me tightly, so he doesn't set you off. He begins to walk with holding you. Ken is waiting for my help, so you bite his arm. Then his arms are unfasten, you can escape. You run as fast as you can but you have no power because you eat only some cookies. You exhaust and finally he catches you. You lose your senses.

When you wake up, you are in the small cage. Around my cage, many animals are in each small cage. You think you are kidnapped too!!

Then the man comes into the room. Every animal seems afraid of something. He comes in front of you and says you,

"Welcome to my toy's room"

You don't know what it means, and he takes the cat out of the cage. The cat tries to escape, then he hits cat's body!! I can't believe what he does. The cat is wilted, but he goes on hitting. Finally the cat doesn't move. I'm really afraid of him!! You want to go this cage and room out right now but you can't escape. He walks to your cage slowly and says,

"Next turn is you!!"

You're so afraid that he comes this room next, it's the end of my life.

— THE END —

You choose to take a rest here and set out to downtown in tomorrow morning. Then you decide to sleep and search good place to sleep, because the road you are walking is asphalt road, so it is too cold for you to sleep. After a few minute walking, you find the ground part by the side of the road. You run up to there, lie on the ground and try to fall asleep.

When you are sleeping peacefully and pleasantly, you are got up with the big strange sound. The sky is still deep dark, so you can't see anything. But the sound is coming up to you gradually. Suddenly the sound stops. Because you are not able to have an idea what happens, you get upset. The sound begins to sound again. The next moment, you can see an animal which you have never seen. It is already very close to you. You have to run as fast as you can not to be caught by it.

You keep running with all the power you have. However it disappears when you try to look back while you are running. In truth, it is your hallucination, because you are very tired. Because of this ridiculous running you get more tired, and you can't move anymore. Therefore you fall down on the road. It is asphalt, not good ground. It is very icy and makes you cold. Thanks to tiredness you can fall asleep at once, but because of tiredness you can't wake up forever. You are able to meet Ken again only in a dream,

You choose to go on your way to downtown through the night, because you think that night must be very cold and walking will make you warm. In fact, that night is very cold and you walk and walk. And then there are many lights in front of you. Yes! It's a downtown. You drop down the hill toward the downtown.

The downtown is very busy, and there are many people, but you can't find Ken. You remember you are hungry. You decide to search for foods. There are a lot of booths which sell people much different kind of foods. However they are of course for people, not for dogs. Therefore storekeepers don't give you any foods. You try to hunt in trash can. Luckily you can find a half eaten takoyaki. It is very delicious. You like the source of it in particular, but you realize you come to have stomachache gradually. It is very dangerous food for dogs! If a dog eats that, it can't live anymore. It is so unlucky that you find it. You get sick of takoyaki.

When you suffer from the sick of takoyaki, one boy who looks like Ken comes to you.

"What are you doing?" He says to you.

You make a sad voice because you are sore and you remember ken's kindness, then the boy holds you with small arms and brings you to his house. In the end, you can't meet Ken forever.

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You decide to search for with your friend, May. You go down street to meet May. She is relaxed by sleeping in her house. "May, please help! My master have kidnapped and carried him off. I want to rescue him!" You say. She is also confused and upset to hear that. "Could you search him with me?" You say. "Of course. Your master often have done well by me. We must rescue him in return."

She gets up quickly with considerable spirit. You two start to run, but you don't know where you should go to find your master. Then, you determine to talk about the place where you may find him.

After few minutes ago, you two conclude two places, park and sea. You two are very hungry, if you go to the park, you may find something to eat and people who knows about Ken's whereabouts. If the kidnappers get away him to sea to send him to overseas, you will have to hurry to stop draining him. Your opinion differs from hers. You want to go to the sea, but she wants to go to the other way. It isn't good idea to search for him severally. You want to search with May, so you should determine which ways to go. "Please determine, Choco. You have to decide quickly as soon as possible, or you can't meet Ken forever!" May says.

It is time that you chose which ways to go.

If you choose to go to the park, GO TO PAGE 10.

If you choose to go to the sea, GO TO PAGE 11.

You and your friend, May arrive at a park, and nose about for foods. You really miss Ken because you remember that you often played with him in this park. Though you are hungry very much, May is hungry so much so that she gradually gets angry with you even you do or talk nothing to her. She usually has gentle heart and rarely gets angry; however she is serious about foods only. You desperately hunt foods with her, but you can't find. You can't find your master, too. You can't find anything. At that time, May finds something. Yes, it is foods, half-eaten hot dog in a trash can!

You were going to share it with her then she says, "Hey, what are you doing? Isn't it mine? I'm so hungry and found it. Also I'm a girl so no wonder you give it all to me!!"

But you're also hungry, too and tired then say, "I'm also hungry. I have to eat because I look around for my master."

May doesn't listen to you then eats all hot dogs.

"I'm full so I'm going to take a nap. Why don't you do that, too?", she says. When you hear that, you are disappointed at her. You decide to leave her and go alone. You face out and start walking again even if no one helps you.

If you choose to search around for your master, GO TO PAGE 16.

If you want to find foods, GO TO PAGE 14.

You and May decide to go to the coast. The town where you live is far away from the coast. So it takes you much time to reach there. When you reach there, it is almost evening. The coast is very large and long. You start to search from the end. On the beach, there are a lot of interesting things because it is your first time to come to the beach. May is interested in colorful shells. You are also very curious.

You find a little big shell and poke it with your foot, but it doesn't react at all. So, you approach it more. Suddenly, you feel sharp pain in your nose. You are very surprised and move away from it quickly. You stare at it. A strange creature comes from the shell. It's a hermit crab!! You are bitten by claws.

You and May are absorbed in interesting things on the beach for a while. Then you start to search your kidnapped master. You look for traces of car or footprint. However, it is very difficult for them to find a clue in such a large beach.

You gradually feel tired from long walking. At last, you fall down to the beach and can't walk anymore. May is very worry about you. She takes you to the shade of a rock and walks somewhere. You fall asleep. After about an hour, she comes back to you with something to eat. Without notice, the sun sets and there is a full moon in the sky. You feel better, but you don't recover completely.

If you decide to start searching again immediately GO TO PAGE 13

If you decide to wait until you recover completely GO TO PAGE 12

You and May fall asleep. In the morning, your condition becomes worse. You can't get up and even eat enough. May cares you very kindly. She looks for food and brings them to you. You stay at the edge of rock because you can't walk. She continues caring you all the time. You are attracted her affection. Without notice, you and May fall in love each other. You think about her all day long and you gradually forget searching your kidnapped master. She also forgets it because she cares you hard.

A few weeks passed. You recover completely. May is very pleased. You remember your master, but many days have passed since he had been kidnapped. So you think it is better that you give up searching him. You think your master is rescued by someone else and he is all right. Now, your treasure is May, not your master.

"Thank you for caring me kindly," you say.

"Don't mind. I'm so glad about your recovering," she says.

You and May come back your hometown. You don't return your master's house. You go to May's house with her instead. May's master warmly welcome you. You are very happy. You and May decide to live in May's house and get married. You lead a very happy time.

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You are not perfect condition, but you and May start to search your master because you want to see your master soon. You are very anxious about him. The beach is very light because of the full moon. You arrive at a pier. There are many ships in there. Then you find a black car. You recognize this car by its color and shape. You have confidence that your master is near here. "What should we do?" you ask May. "I don't know, but we should act carefully," May says.

You approach the car. There seem to be no one in the car. Then you hear a familiar voice from one of the ships. "Please help me!!"

It's your master's voice. You are convinced. You and May rush to the ship where he seems to be. Finally, you find your master!!! He is bound hand and foot, so he can't move. "Oh!! Choco!! I can't believe it. How did you come here??" he says. You bite pope and he becomes free. "Get out of this ship immediately, or we will be caught again," he says. You And he run and run to escape. Fortunately, kidnappers don't notice you.

"Thank you for helping me. You're my lifesavers," he says. You and your master walk May to her house and come back your house. You are very happy about his safe return. You jump at him with pleasure. He strokes you kindly with smile. Then, you and your master lead a very happy life.

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You keep walking around for food but you can't walk anymore. You are half dead from hunger. After you stop and close your eyes in center of a road, you think that you will die before you see Ken again. Suddenly, the scent of delicious food pervades the air. You smell it out and run toward it. There is a mini car selling lunches. Many people line the sidewalk. You approach the seller however he looks at you then says, "Hey, get out of here! Do you want me to kick you!?"

He seems that he hates dogs, but you don't give up then you stole a lunch which he was holding his hand. You escape and run, run and run. As a result, no one hunts you. You think you won! When you finish eating it with big happiness, a feeling of fullness after eating makes you be sleepy. At this time, you understand that May wanted to take a nap. You just a little bit regret that you leave her. You take a nap under a car for a few hours. When you wake up, you remember that you have to find your master. Where is he? Is he around here? You are thinking something like that crossing a road which ken often took you for a walk and at a good old memory rush into your mind.

"I caught a dog!" Suddenly, you are held a man then got into a cage. You can't understand what on earth did happen to you. Without notice, a car which you are rode starts to run. Thirty minutes later, the car was stopped and you see words.

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"Osaka Health Center"

You are in a health center. There are lots of dogs and they are barking. You are very afraid the situation. You also shout, "Help me, Ken! Help!"

One week later, no one comes to you. Two weeks later, three weeks later...
but Ken never came to pick you up.

-THE END-

You search around for Ken even you are very hungry. You think that you never find him then your eyes are filled with tears. When you notice, you are in Osaka city. There are lots of people and everyone stares at you. You feel sudden fear and run away with all your might. Suddenly, you collide with a thin thing. It is a woman's leg, beautiful long white leg.

"Oh, something took my leg! Um? Wow, look! It's a very cute dog! Hi, are you OK, baby?" the woman says.

She seems that she isn't from Japan, yes, she is an American. Both she and you momentarily gaze each other then you fell in love with her. She is with a man and talking something then she gives you bun. You desperately eat it. You remember about Ken the moment they stroke you. Though you don't know that she understands your feeling, she is very kind to you and she says, "Where is your master? Are you losing?"

She looks around her holding you and she says, "Let's find your master!"

Both of you find Ken for a few hours, but you can't find. She is confused and talks to a man. She smiles at you so that you aren't worried and she says, "Why don't you go to America with us? We come back there today by a ship."

You are surprised but you think you can't find your master anymore and

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want to be with her. You look up her then bark one time like saying "I want to go with you!"

As a result, you go to America with her and live in a big house. The time when you remember about your master doesn't come forever and ever.

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