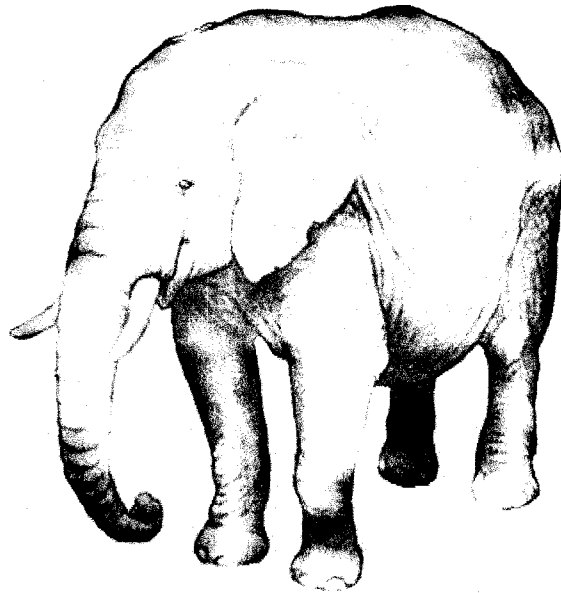
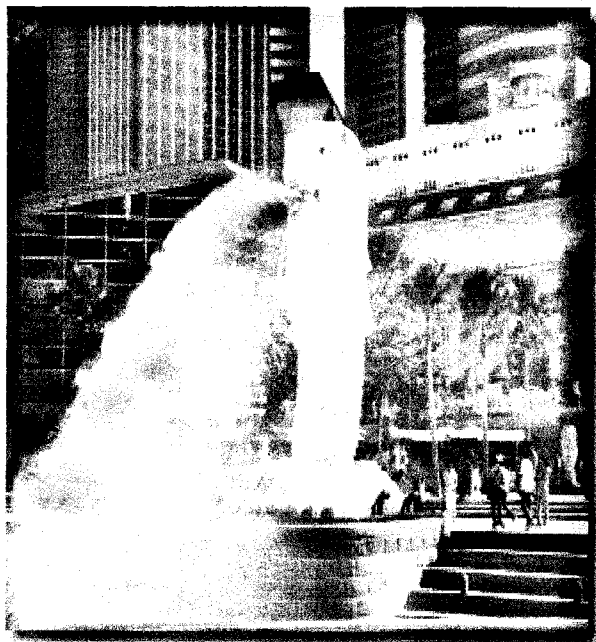


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All Around The World



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I'm Taro Suzuki. I was an ordinary forty-year-old Japanese man. I was interested in sport and good at playing Judo and Karate. I practice Karate every Sunday. Moreover, I liked foreign culture and could speak English and Swahili fluently. I was satisfied with my life to some extent except my job.

I was a teacher in a junior high school. My complaint was not to my students, but my colleagues. They didn't like students. They really liked themselves. For example, some teachers left a student in their class who didn't go to school. They only did a minimum job. I couldn't accept their attitude to education. I had noticed they improved their style of education. However, they wouldn't change it. They surely hated me!

I lost enthusiasm to teaching by degrees and finally quit my job. However, I didn't know what I wanted to do. I considered my future some time. One day, I suddenly wanted to travel abroad for a long time. I decided to visit many place as long as I could. However, I was puzzled about a destination. As I didn't have an idea where I wanted to go, I decided a destination depended on transportation. I found two cheap tickets. One was going to Egypt by plane. The other was going to Singapore by ship.

If I go to Egypt by plane GO TO PAGE, 6.

If I go to Singapore by ship GO TO PAGE, 3.

Although I wanted to learn about African cultures, I went to a school where I should teach Japanese to African children. I arrived there and found that the building of the school was about to break. "Although Africa is a developing country, the school at least should be stable and strong for children." I said to myself. "Anyway I will visit and meet the headmaster of this school."

I walked to visit him. He was very tall and had a suitable intelligent look as his post for the school. He welcomed me cordially. I told him what happened to me before I met him. He was very surprised to hear that.

After talking him about children in Africa for one hour, I visited the class I should teach it. I met the children in the class and introduced myself. "Hello, everyone! I'm Taro Suzuki and came from Japan. Do you know where Japan is? Japan is far from here. Well, I am happy to teach you Japanese! I want to enjoy teaching it and I want you to enjoy it too!"

The eyes of the African children shone very clearly. "I am happy to teach you Japanese! I want to enjoy teaching it and you too!"

Suddenly, one student said, "Sushi! Sashimi! Natto!"

Everyone included me laughed at him very much. Then I started to teach Japanese to African students.

THE END

I decided to buy a ticket for Singapore because I'd like to travel slowly. As I had not been to Singapore, I checked good places for going sightseeing in the country. I strongly wanted to visit Merlion. I rode in a ship with great expectation.

The sight of the sea was very beautiful. I liked scene at sunrise. I would often go up on deck and see it the same point during getting on the ship. I was spoken at an old man when I was in the deck the forth day of departure.

"I'm also fond of this view. Where are you going to go?"

"I'm going to go to Singapore for a travel. How about you?"

"I'm going to go to Australia. The ship leaves for Australia after arriving in Singapore. I'm going to see a strange lake. Water's color of the lake is pink. Unbelievable! But, everyone can watch pink." I was surprised at his story and interested in the pond by degrees.

"Please tell me the story more detail." I talked with him about two hours. The lake is located in Middle Island. However, if we go there, we are permitted to land by Australian government. We could see water of the lake was pink only from the sky. I wanted to go to Australia, too. I didn't know which country I wanted to go. As I was considering it, I enjoyed the trip of ship. Then, the ship arrived in Singapore.

If I get off Singapore, GO TO PAGE 8.

If I continue to the voyage, GO TO PAGE 11.

The waves were very strong. I thought that it was right choice to stay the ship. I took hold of a pillar as strong as I could. Then bigger storm hit the ship. The ship shook strongly, but it was not broken. I thought if I had been in the sea, I would die. However, a desk slipped at me. I couldn't avoid it, and it hit at my head. I fainted a while.

When I opened my eyes, there was no pitching. Therefore, I thought the ship could get to island somehow. I got out of the room, and went to outside of the ship. In front of my view, there was a land! I cried out for joy, and ran for there. It was a beautiful place; there were many trees and full of fruits, such as bananas, coconuts, etc. Then, I noticed there were three people, so I approached and talked to them. According to their story, they were also passengers and they still explored around here before I woke up. I questioned them that how long did it take to get to the nearest town. I was so tired that I wanted to rest a while.

Silently, a man said, "Nothing... It is a desert island."

I couldn't understand what he said first. Then, I felt deep despair. They cheered me, so I recovered from my shock somehow. We started talking what should we do to survive in this island. There were many foods and temperature is calm whole year. I lived there for 45 years till I died.

THE END

I followed the hijackers and they said, "Sit there quietly." However, because a few passengers lost their heads, shouted and made a big noise, one of hijackers got angry and pointed a gun toward a lady. Furthermore, she shouted against the action which the hijacker pointed a gun toward her. Then, one of hijackers fired a gun to the ceiling. She became quiet and did so everyone.

After that hijackers walked around a passage constantly. One of hijackers went to the pilot room and said to the pilot, "Return to Japan right now."

"The fuel of the plane is running short for the return to Japan." The pilot replied.

"What? Say that again!!" Hijacker said.

"I can't return to Japan. The fuel is too short to return to Japan. Excuse me, but would you like to land the nearest airport from this flying point?" The pilot said. "It is dangerous for all passengers and hijackers to return to Japan." He continued. "The plane has only one thirds fuel. I think because the plane can't return to Japan absolutely, please land the nearest airport."

"No, no. Follow the command!! If you do so, I'll kill all passengers, all right?" The hijacker shouted.

If I followed hijackers and return to Japan, GO TO PAGE 13.

If I didn't and tried to land the nearest airport, GO TO PAGE 10.

I bought a ticket of airplane for Africa and prepared for a trip. My expectation of the trip was gradually bigger and bigger. Though I could speak Swahili, I would go to Africa after an interval of twenty years. Finally, the day of departure was coming. I hardly slept last night. I got on a plane with feeling sleepy. I was remembering the trip in twenty years ago. I had been shocked life in African people. Many African children didn't go to school and know what is happened in the world. As I was thinking about Africa, I suddenly had an idea that I wanted to work at a school in Africa and teach Japanese to African children. Though I intended to enjoy the trip, I would prepare for working as soon as I arrived.

Unexpectedly, I heard a woman scream somewhere. I saw to the direction of it. I watched men have guns. The plane was hijacked! Three men walked around and guarded passengers. They said loudly, "If you don't obey us, we kill you at once."

Then, a boy was surprised at their voice and started to cry. They angered and took him as a hostage. I was shocked at the sight because I was a teacher. I said myself, "Is it all right that I leave the boy?" However, as they had guns, I had little chance to save him. I worried about what to do.

If I resist against them, GO TO PAGE 15.

If I follow them, GO TO PAGE 5.

The pole broke heavily. The ship was filled with seawater. Crews gave up fixing, and began to escape from the ship. They got to the small boat they were hidden in a storehouse.

I thought if I have been here, I could not alive. Fortunately, I found a life buoy. I thought it was a message from the god that meant dive into the sea and survive. So I decided to dive into the sea to survive.

Surely, the seawater was very cold, but the force of the seawater was weak what I had thought. I thought I would endure long time somehow. I put too much confidence about myself. Bigger storm hit us. I could do nothing because of rough waves. I lost my hope to survive and felt despair. What was worse, the life buoy was drifted.

I felt water much colder, and I couldn't move my body what I want to do. A good old memory was filled with me. I once fed up with Japanese teachers' educational thinking, so I only regret that I couldn't change Japanese educational system.

After for a minute, I could not think any more, could not feel even the temperature of the cold seawater and could see nothing... Ironically, I have gone to long travel. It was the travel that would never come back forever.

THE END

I got off Singapore. I felt bad because of seasickness, and was helped by crews. I took a break at the port. After an hour, I got well. Even so, it was a hot weather than I think, but I don't care. Before I went sightseeing, I went to a bank to exchange money. I had a poor sense of direction, so it took a few hours to find the bank. As soon as I entered the bank, a volley of shots rang out in it. In addition, I heard someone shouting.

"Freeze!! We are bank robbers! Prepare 1 million dollars in 10 minutes, or we will kill all of you."

There were three bank robbers! In fact, they were habitual offenders, who have committed bank robberies all around the world. They stole money than 100 million dollars so far, and have been searched throughout the world. Then, one of the bankers called a police office, but one of them saw him. He was shot, and got wounded. They said, "If you do that next time, you'll be dead. We are serious." They took our cell phones, and cut the telephone cables. The atmosphere in the bank became tense. Some women were terrified and shouted, and others sank into a crouch with tears running down. We were locked in. I should save people, but what can I do?

If you choose to fight against the robbers, GO TO PAGE 12.

If you choose to escape, GO TO PAGE 9.

The robbers made some bankers put 1 million dollars into the bag. I was waiting for a chance to escape. About a minute later, I sneak out of the bank, but one of the robbers saw me, and shot.

"Nuts!! We'll kill you!" They said, and shot the other people. They couldn't escape because they were seized with fear.

They blew up the bank with dynamite, and escaped. About 10 minutes later, the police and ambulances arrived. We were taken to an emergency hospital, and started operating. However, unfortunately, because we got wounded seriously, almost of people were dead during the operations. I also was dead. Only three out of one hundred people were alive.

Next day, the news was aired. Many audiences said, "It is sneaky. The person who escaped should have apologized and go to hell at once!!"

"The person will regret in Heaven. He is an idiot!" All audiences are right. I am very sorry that I try to escape from the bank to save only me. Although the proverb says "Discretion is the better part of valor.", I ought to have help people and fight against the robbers. I think Escaping is the worst thing. I was dead, but I apologize to many people for escaping in heaven.

THE END

Hijackers ordered the pilot to return to Japan. However, because the pilot thought of the life of all passengers, he decided to try to land the nearest airport.

“What are you doing?” One of hijackers said. “Return to Japan.”

“I can’t do that. If I do so, all passengers’ life and hijackers’ are dangerous. Please let us land the nearest airport.” The pilot replied.

“Don’t say that, return to Japan quickly.” The hijacker said. The pilot argued with the hijacker hotly. I tried to stop a quarrel between the hijacker and the pilot. Because, they got hotter and hotter, I couldn’t stop the quarrel. Then, the pilot scuffled with the hijacker violently and this occurrence made the plane waver because the pilot couldn’t control the plane during the happening. Finally, the hijacker pushed the pilot over and shot him. As the pilot was almost unconscious, no one could control the plane and the plane lost its balance.

Then, the plane lost altitude gradually, and crashed into Pacific Ocean. The plane went up in flames and that scene was horrible. Unfortunately, when the rescue team arrived at this crash point, no one survived from the crash. All passengers, of course included three hijackers were killed in this crash. If hijackers had had a conscience, everyone would be alive vigorously.

THE END

I was more interested in Australia than Singapore, so I paid extra charge, and continued to the voyage to go to Australia. It was sunny when I have left Singapore, but the weather got dark and dark. Suddenly, the storm hit the ship, and the seawater came into the ship. Soon the passengers noticed the happening and screamed. Someone cried, someone sat there and did nothing. Crews were running around the ship for the sake of fixing the ship, but regardless of their effort, the force of the seawater did not become weak. What was worse, the force of the water became stronger.

I said in my mind, "If I had gotten off this ship in Singapore, I would not have been involved in this accident." However, it was no meaning to regret the past. I started thinking what I should do from then.

If I would dive into sea, and wait some time, another ship might help me. Unfortunately, because it was February then, the seawater was very cold. Surely, I was good at swimming, but I thought it was impossible to endure in a rough and cold sea more than about one day. However, perhaps, the ship might not sink, and if I am lucky, the ship would drift and get to somewhere. Therefore, it might be right choice to stay here. I can either choose stay in the ship or dive into sea.

If I choose to stay here, GO TO PAGE 4.

If I choose to dive into sea, GO TO PAGE 7.

I decided to fight against the robbers. When they saw the bankers putting money into the bag, I kicked to their back. Because I have done karate and judo, I could attack strongly. All of them fell down, and I tied them fast with ropes. About 10 minutes later, the police arrived here and arrested the robbers. The man who was shot by the robbers was taken to a hospital.

Next day, the news which the robbers were arrested was aired all around the world. The Princess of Singapore watched the news on TV and fell in love with me.

"I want to meet the man, and enjoy talking to him. Dad, is it OK to invite him next week?" She said to her father. He allowed her to meet me, and crowed with delight. A week later, I went to her castle, and had a date with her. We enjoyed talking and having lunch. The more I talked, the more I loved her. She also loved me deeply. At last, a month later, we married and lived in her castle.

One day, I tried to work in Singapore, but it was hard to find a job. I was irresolute what kind of job I wanted to do. It was good I would teach Japanese again, but I'd like to do something new.

"Why don't you work in police? You save many people, so it's fit for you." My wife said. That's a good idea! I decided to work in the Singapore police. I was busy everyday, but I confronted a lot of criminals to protect world peace.

THE END

The pilot followed three hijackers. However, at that time the pilot thought the fuel was too little and maybe the plane fell into the ground or the Pacific Ocean on their return way to Japan. However, the pilot must have followed hijackers because of the life of passengers. The pilot continued to control the plane. While the pilot tried to land the nearest airport several times, one of hijacker saw him constantly and pointed a gun toward him. Unfortunately, the pilot couldn't land there. As I didn't have any experiences like this happening, I got scared and trembled with hijackers and this situation. Although I was afraid of hijackers during the flight which was returning to Japan, fortunately, the plane arrived at Japanese airport without any accidents. However, it was abnormal landing. The plane made a belly landing. The plane shook violently and a few passengers were thrown out of the chairs by the shake. Luckily, no one got hurt. Furthermore, hijackers lost their balance and everyone could escape from hijackers the chance. Every passenger included me began to run as possible as we could. Then, because the police who waited for the plane rushed into the plane and arrested three hijackers quickly, all passengers were saved from hijackers. If the pilot had been sure that hijacker's balance lost by the belly landing, it would have been wonderful thing, or simply the fuel had been used up?

THE END

I decided to go sightseeing in order to know African culture in detail because I had not visited there before. There were many forests and various animals in Africa; however, a rain heavy storm and flood often killed them. As I'd heard so before, I was worried about my life in Africa.

In order to get information of rain storm, I visited the chief of a village. He was about eighty five years old so that he knew everything about his living village. He always asked daily weather from his weather expert. At that time, the expert came to the chief house and said, "Heavy rain storm is coming! We must get out of here at once!" Before we went out from there, suddenly some very big hailstones fell down. The house was about to be destroyed for a few minutes. In order not to be buried, three people of I, the weather expert and the chief of the village hurried to get on a car. In spite of our escape from the heavy rain storm, it continued harder and harder. The chief said, "I am too old to escape from here any more! Please two of you get out of this car and go to another building which is more stable!

"We cannot do that! You are the chief of this village. If you pass away, who governs here? We are sure we guard you against this situation." I said to the chief. We stayed in the car for a while. After that, we were buried and dead unfortunately.

THE END

In order to escape from hijackers, I tried to attack them. "Because there are three hijackers, I and other people in the plane might defeat them. Fortunately, I am good at karate and judo." I said to myself. I persuaded four men nearby me into trying to fight them. The hijackers had some guns. I didn't know what to do, but I had to fight against them. I thought how we would fight them. A good plan occurred to me that while one man caught one hijacker's attention, other four included me will fight against other two hijackers.

We tried challenging as planned. In fact, a guard of the hijackers seemed to sleep a little. That was a chance not to wait. We approached the guard very silently, and I attacked him. He fell down at once. Then we were able to knock down the other hijackers! I asked them why they had tried to hijack because I wanted know.

"We wanted to have much money. If we had taken a pilot as a hostage, we had thought we got this plane and much money," they answered.

They would be arrested by the police. Then we got to Africa safely. I wanted to go sightseeing in Africa in order to learn African cultures in detail. However, I came to Africa owing to teach Japanese to African children.

If you decide to go to a proper school to teach Japanese, GO TO PAGE 2.

If you choose to go sightseeing, GO TO PAGE 14.

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