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There is full of 50' hats on the wall, gathered dress, colorful bellbottoms and sunburn shoes.....
Here is my favorite vintage clothe shop, named "Bono". I try to lovely flared skirts in the fitting room as usual. I go out of fitting room and ask my friend comments.

"Don't you think this skirt suit me?"

"Yep! You look like Audrey Hepburn, how cute you are."

I go back to the fitting room with happy and I look at myself in a mirror. Suddenly, the mirror become shiny. It was so shiny that I black out...

When I woke up, I was in what looked like a fitting room. But there was no ceiling and blue sky stretches out. I opened the curtain and went outside, there was an unfamiliar view. Stone pavement road extended, old-fashioned cars run and there was people with vintage fashion which I love... The most impressive scene was the stone steps and church behind it. I have seen this view... The scenery was exactly the same as the scene where the main character was eating ice cream on a Roman holiday!!!!

When I was standing, a woman storm at me from somewhere.

"You! The extra girl! Why are you wearing the major role's skirt! !! This is your pants. Change yours right now".

When I looked around, there were many people with old cameras, big microphones, and reflectors. As soon as I tried to look carefully, but I was pushed back into the dressing room.

I thought while changing my clothes. (A major role? A big camera? It seems like I'm in an unusual situation. And the view and the equipments are out of date ...) Abruptly, an idea came to my mind. I might be in a Roman Holiday filming scene by time travel!!!

Two months have passed. To be honest, A lot of unexpected things happened. But to put it simply, I've definitely been wondered in the past and seemed to be working as a chore of the Roman Holiday filming unit. At first I didn't really understand why I was here, but it became more and more fun. I was able to see up close the shooting scenery, which was full of my favorite vintage items (the cutting edge of fashion for people at that time). Many Italian landmarks appear on Roman holidays. Of course I accompanied almost all of them. I forgot to go back to the original era and just enjoyed working.

During the shooting break, I brew espresso to the staff and actors. Audrey, who I had never spoken to before, spoke to me.

"You wore my skirt once, right? I heard from my manager. You're a naughty girl. But ... it was your skirt, wasn't it? That skirt wasn't originally available. But it's okay, I'll give it to you. Because it suits you better!! When we're done shooting today, come to my dressing room to pick up your skirt. "

I couldn't find the words to return, so I looked up at the sky. There was a little cloud over the blue sky.

When I entered the dressing room, there was a skirt on the table.

"Tomorrow is day off, why don't you wear a skirt and go home? There is space to change clothes here !!"

"Thank you very much! I'll wear it soon."

I closed the curtain and changed my clothes. The cute skirt that reflected in the mirror makes me smile. I heard Audrey and the manager were talking from the outside. Suddenly, the mirror began to shine and the voice went away.

When I noticed, I was in the fitting room of Bono.

Look
Yui Takeuchi

Sea

Salt Cloud

Tiger Honey Sunflower

Rose Fire Garnet Strawberry

Frog Tree Jade Spinach Watermelon

Wine Grape Eggplant Lavender Amethyst

What color are you wearing every single day?

Miracle

Kazuma Shiratani

Since last year, the Covid19 has spread all over the world, and Bob, a high school student, has been home all the time since school was cancelled. He was very sad that he would not be able to see his friends and hoped that the Covid19 would be contained quickly.

One night he looked up at the night sky and saw a rabbit appear from the moon.

Rabbit: "I'm Emma. I'll help you!"

Bob: "Oh, really? But how can you help me?"

Emma: "If we spread this special sand around the world from the sky, the Covid19 will be contained."

Bob: "That's a good idea, but I can't fly."

Emma: "That's OK. I'll cast a spell on you!"

Bob: "Wow, I'm flying!"

Emma: "I will spread this sand in the southern hemisphere, can you spread this sand in the northern hemisphere?"

Bob: "OK!"

Even now they are still spreading their special sand. When they finish this work, the Covid19 will have disappeared.

Moon
Kazuma Shiratani

Look up at the night sky
The moon is shining
I want to shine like the moon

Look up at the night sky
A rabbit is pounding rice with a heavy pestle
I want to be strong like the rabbit

Look up at the night sky
The moon is beautiful
I want to be beautiful like the moon

I want to be like the moon
I want to be like the moon

My best friend

Minatsu Takahashi

I have a very cute friend whose name is Sora. She lives near my house. I became friends with her three years ago and she is very friendly. She suddenly comes to my home and returns to her home five to ten minutes later. When she came to my home for the first time, my father told me "Someone is sitting in the garden." I told my dad "I'm looking at the garden" and went out. I went outside and noticed Sora sitting alone in the garden of my house where my father grows vegetables. I asked Sora "How did you come to my house alone?" However, she didn't say anything. Then Sora's father ran to my house and told me "I am sorry that Sora came alone" and took Sora home. Since then, she came to my house alone regularly, but we rarely talk. We just sit together.

Did you notice anything about Sora so far? Do you want a little hint? Let me tell you a little more about Sora's appearance. She has big ears, four legs and a long tail. She is covered with fur. Have you noticed it? That's right! My friend Sora is a dog. She is a cute Shiba dog covered with brown and white hair. Are you surprised? Can you believe this? However, this is a real story. She always sits beside me and listens to me. I don't understand what she says, but we are best friends. I think that dogs are important beings that heal humans and give them power. In addition, I want everyone to know that we can communicate with animals. And I want you to take good care of animals. In the end, I think we are important to each other, and our friendship lasts forever.

Our secret
Minatsu Takahashi

Today Sora came to my house as well.

Sora is my best friend and a dog living in the neighborhood.

I spoke to Sora, "Hello, Sora. How are you? It is sunny today."

Then Sora said to me, "Yes, it is too hot today."

I was surprised because she speaks, and I know what she says.

"Sora, why can you speak suddenly?"

"Oh, it is our secret. Would you do me a favor? I'm in trouble."

"What's the matter? I'll help you."

"My master Bob's birthday is next week. So, I want him to do something, but I don't know what to do."

"Ok, please tell me what he likes."

"Umm... I got it! He likes flowers."

"Then, let's make a beautiful bouquet."

We gathered flowers from my garden. Neighboring cats also collected flowers together.

After gathering a lot of flowers, we made a bouquet of Bob's favorite yellow flowers.

We also wrote a letter from Sora and she handed them to him on his birthday.

When he received them, he was very surprised and froze for a while.

After that, Sora came to my house. She smiled and said, "Thank you for helping me."

"You're welcome. Can you speak with me forever?"

"No, I can't speak with you from now on. However, I will not forget your kindness.

If you keep a secret that I can speak with you, I'll go to help when you are in trouble. Because we are best friends."

The moment I saw a rainbow in the sky, Sora didn't say anything.

We returned to our daily lives.

Walk around the winter
Toma Inoue

Explore, experience, enter winter
Find, feel, filled with winter

After fall
Fallen leaves
Falling snow

White snow
White breath
White cast

In the park
Sitting alone
I was part of the winter

Double fault

Toma Inoue

"I'm afraid to say your both arms are broken now."

A doctor told me frankly. My face is getting pale. There is a reason why I became so. But I was still a child. After that, finally I realized my fault. I didn't say that so far, but I had already broken my right hand before. At first, I'll tell you this story. When I was a high school student, maybe it was fall. As usually, we played basketball. As soon as the game started, someone tackled me, suddenly the scenery changed, while not knowing, my body fell.

BANG!

Now that you knew the fact I broke right hand. But at the same time, there are some questions in your brain. Why did you break both hands? Two weeks had passed, after I can't use right hands. So, I used to live without a right hand. Then my friends whispered me as the devil.

"You can play soccer, because hands don't need except keeper. So why don't you play with us?"

I should have answered I have to take care of myself, so I can't. But my mouth said yes loudly. The ground was muddy. Can you imagine what happened to me already? Sure enough, when I was about to kick a ball, a dull sound rang in the playground.

BANG...

I couldn't stop crying. The numberless pain rampages all over my body. In the midnight, while having laid in my bed, I was thinking. Probably God gave me the time I review my behavior so far.

What can I do now?

Just crying?

No, enough!

I said in my mind I must have go forward. Lastly, I couldn't sleep all night, but something changed.

As the sun rises, one hope came to my heart.

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