



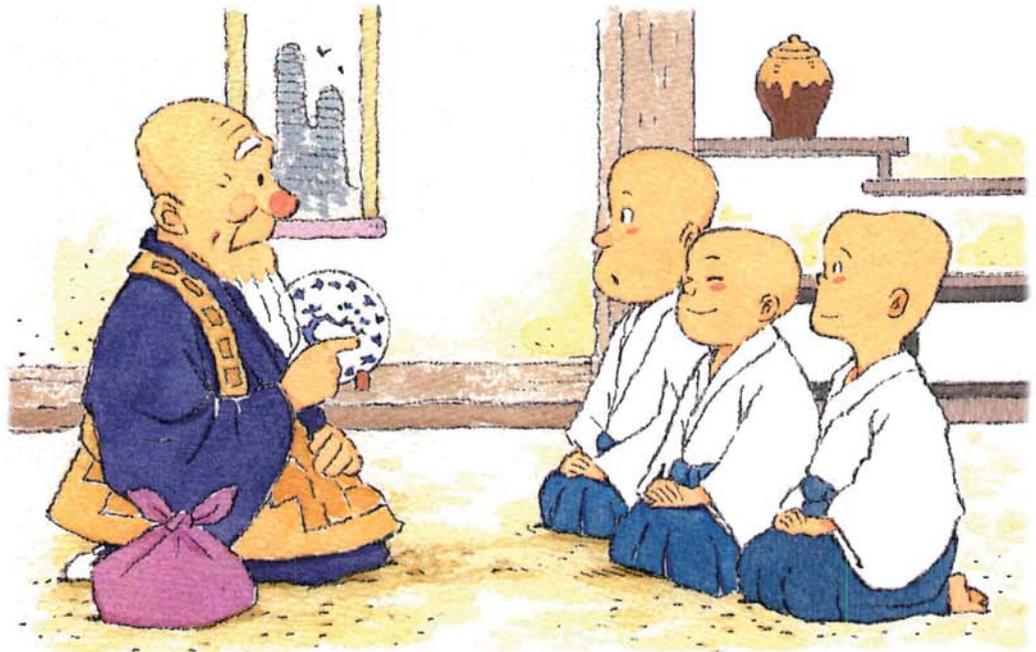
A Pot of Poison

安、珍、観はある寺の小僧です。ある日、和尚が出かけることになりました。さて、和尚が留守にしている間に、どんなことが起こるのでしょうか。

New Words

- ☑ **invite(d)** [inváit(id)] 招待する
- ☑ **be back** 帰る
- ☑ **master** [má:stə] 和尚
- ☑ **shelf** [ʃel] たな
- ☑ **poison** [póizn] 毒
- ☑ **worry** [wó:ri] 心配する
- ☑ **Don't worry.** 心配しないで。

priest [prí:st] 僧
neighboring [néibə:riŋ] 近所の



In a temple far away, a priest and three boys live.

One day the priest visits a neighboring priest.

Master: My friend invited me to his house. I'll be back in a few hours.

Kan: Yes, Master.

Master: Do you see that pot on the shelf?

Chin: Yes, Master.

Master: Don't touch it. Don't open it. It's full of poison.

An: Poison? Poison! We'll be careful.

Master: Be careful. Be very, very careful.

An, Chin: We will, Master. We will.

Kan: Don't worry, Master. We are always careful.

Tips for Reading

- 登場人物の気持ちを考えながら読んでみよう。

Notes

A Pot of Poison

この話の原作は、狂言の「附子」。附子はトリカブトと呼ばれる植物からとれる毒のこと。原作では使用人2人と主人との掛け合いが描かれている。

Three hours pass.

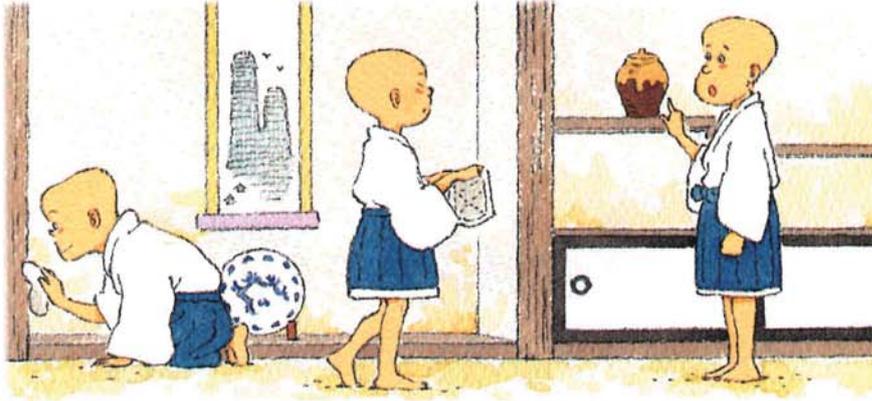
An: The Master will return soon.

Chin: Shall we clean the room?

An: Yes, let's. I'll wipe the floor.

5 Chin: What do you think about the pot?

An: What do you mean?



Chin: Is it really full of poison?

Kan: Hmm. Give it to me and shut the door.

I'll check it out.

10 Kan takes off the lid.

An: Don't!

Kan: There's brown stuff in it. It smells nice.

I'll try some.

An: Wait! It's poison!

15 Kan: No, it's delicious! Have some.

Chin: You're right. It is delicious. It's sugar!



New Words

- pass** [pæs] 過ぎる
- shall** [ʃæl] (㊦)
- Shall we ...?**
…しましょうか。
- Yes, let's.** そうしよう。
- wipe** [waɪp] ふく
- shut** [ʃʌt] 閉める
- take off ...** …を取り外す
- lid** [lɪd] ふた
- stuff** [stʌf] もの
- sugar** [ʃʊgə] 砂糖

New Words

- we've ← we have
- ☑ **eaten** [i:tɪn] ← eat
eat の過去分詞
- ☑ **be in trouble**
トラブルに巻き込まれている
- ☑ **Wait a minute.**
ちょっと待って。
- ☑ **plate** [pléit] 皿
- ☑ **kid(ding)** [kíd(iŋ)]
冗談を言う
- ☑ **You must be kidding.**
冗談だろう。
- ☑ **ground** [gráund] 地面
- ☑ **believe** [bəlí:v] 信じる
- ☑ **trust** [trást] 信頼する

Notes

must

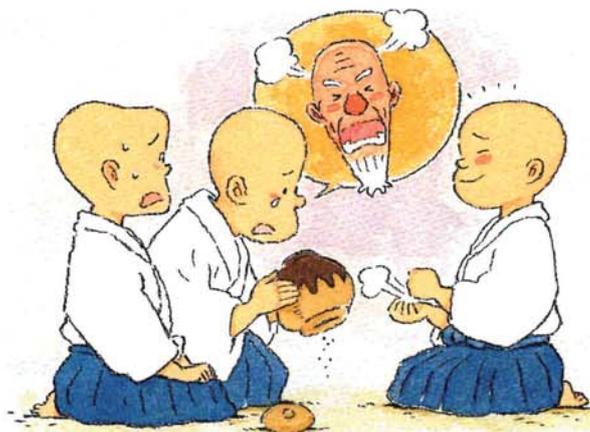
must は「…しなければならぬ」の意味のほか、確かな推量を表し、「…にちがいない」という意味にもなる。

Kan: I'm full.

Chin: Oh no, the pot is empty!

Kan: We've eaten all of it.

An: We're in trouble.



Kan: Wait a minute. I have an idea! Let's break his special plate.

Chin: What do you mean?

Kan: You'll see. One, two

An: You must be kidding! Stop!

Kan: Three!

Kan picks up the plate and throws it to the ground. It breaks into pieces.

An: No! I can't believe you broke it. Now we're really in trouble.

Kan: Trust me. I have a plan.



Just then the door opens, and the Master enters the room.

Master: I'm back. What's going on?

Kan: Master, we broke your special plate.

Master: You awful boys! This was precious to me and very
5 expensive. I'll punish you for that!

An: You don't have to. We have punished ourselves.

Chin: Because we broke your plate

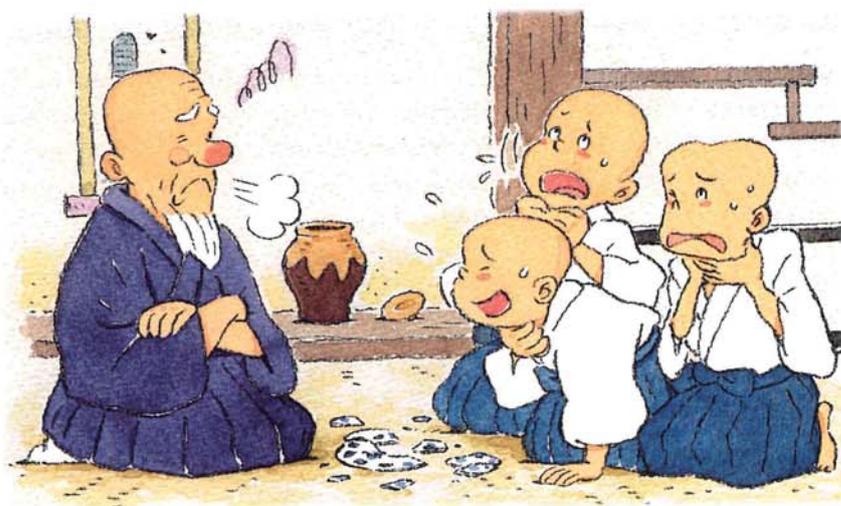
An: We ate the poison in the pot.

Chin: I can feel the poison now.

10 Kan: My ears are ringing. Agghhhhhh!

Master: Ah

[304 words]



New Words

- What's going on?**
いったいどうしたんだ。
- awful** [ɔ:fəl] とても悪い
- precious** [préʃəs] 大切な
- punish** [pʌnɪʃ] 罰する
- ourselves** [ɑ:rsélvz]
私たち自身を
- ring(ing)** [rɪŋ(ɪŋ)] 鳴る
- ah** [á:] ああ

agghhhhhh アアッ

ear(s) [iə(r(z))]



Read

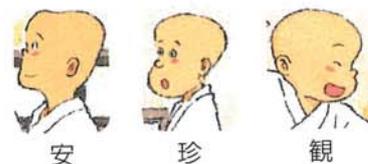
物語の概要をとらえよう。

★ Goal ★

(1) 物語のあらすじに合うように、() に番号を書こう。

- () The boys cleaned the room.
- () Kan broke the special plate.
- () The boys ate the sugar in the pot.
- () The Master came back.
- () The Master went out.
- () Kan found sugar in the pot.

(2) それぞれがどんな性格か考え、話し合おう。



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ふり返り

- 登場人物に着目して、物語のあらすじを読み取ることができた。
- 書かれた内容を整理しながら、物語を読もうとした。