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## **KEN'S STORY PART 2**

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### **Important!**

This book is Part 2 of Ken's Story. *The story starts in Ken's Story Part 1.*

This story is set in Japan. In the story, there are some Japanese words.

The Japanese words are

1. san - Mr/Ms (E.g. Tanaka san = Mr Tanaka)
2. kanpai - Cheers!
3. Yonago - a city in Japan
4. Izumo Taisha - a famous shrine in Japan
5. Mt. Daisen - a mountain in West Japan
6. bucho - department manager

### **Chapter One**

That evening, Ken and Saho go to a quiet bar and talk about the problem.

"I waited a long time to find a nice girlfriend," says Ken. "And, now that you are my girlfriend, I want to stay with you."

"I know. But I don't want a long-distance relationship," says Saho. "Yonago City is very far from here. I don't want a boyfriend in Yonago. I want a boyfriend here, in Tokyo."

"But I like you very much Saho. Let's stay together. I will come back to Tokyo every month to see you. I promise," says Ken.

"Ken, that's too hard for you. If you come back to Tokyo every month, you will be very tired," says Saho.

"It's okay. I want to see you. I will be tired, but I will also be happy. Please Saho!" says Ken.

Saho drinks her wine and looks at Ken. He is very kind, and he likes her very much. She also likes him very much.

"Okay, let's see how it goes," says Saho. "I will also visit you in Yonago."

"Yes! Thank you so much Saho!" says Ken.

Ken and Saho decide to stay together. Ken will come back to Tokyo once a month to see Saho, and Saho will also visit Ken in Yonago.

It is Sunday morning. Ken and Saho are at Haneda Airport. Ken checks in.

"Good-bye Ken. Have a good flight. Send me an email when you arrive at Yonago Airport," says Saho.

"Yes, I will. Goodbye Saho," says Ken.

Ken gets on the airplane. Saho watches the airplane fly up into the sky. She watches until it disappears into the clouds. Then, she takes the train back into the centre of Tokyo, and she goes home alone.

An hour later, Ken sends Saho an email.

*---I arrived in Yonago! I'll email you later tonight!---*

Saho replies:

*---I'm glad you arrived safely. Good luck!---*

She is pleased that Ken arrived safely in Yonago. She tries to watch TV, but she cannot stop thinking about Ken. It is a very sad day for Saho.

Ken arrives at his company apartment in Yonago. He looks around the apartment. It is very small. There is one room, a small kitchen, a toilet and a very small bathroom. He opens the window and walks out onto the balcony. The apartment is opposite a rice field. The rice field is very green and there is a very nice breeze. It is very peaceful and very quiet. It is very different from Ken's apartment in Tokyo. In Tokyo, his apartment was next to a railway line. He could hear trains all day and all night. Here, in his apartment in Yonago, he can only hear the birds singing.

Ken feels very tired. He falls asleep listening to the gentle wind and the birds singing.

Ken wakes up. He looks at his mobile phone. It is 3:30am. There is a message from Saho.

*---Are you okay? I waited for your email. Please email me when you have time. From Saho.---*

*Oh no! I fell asleep! I didn't email Saho!* thinks Ken. *It's too late now. Saho will be sleeping. I'll email her in the morning.*

Ken goes back to sleep.

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