

Dan's English Student Original Story



MAIKO'S MARRIAGE HUNT

大人女子やり直し英語

Wednesday



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1. A Tuesday Date

Maiko is twenty-nine years old. She **has wanted** to find a husband for a long time. She works hard, she is kind, and she loves cooking. But finding the right man is difficult. She **has been** on many dates in the last two years. She **has met** many men, but the perfect person **hasn't arrived** yet.

Today is Tuesday, and Maiko **has a date**. She is meeting him at a famous coffee shop downtown called 'The Daily Grind'.

The man's name is Kenji. He is thirty-five, and he is a dentist. Maiko **has looked at** his photo and thinks he looks very kind. She **has messaged** him online for a week, and now they are meeting for the first time.

Maiko arrives early. She sits at a table near the window. She is wearing her new pink dress. She orders a latte and waits.

At six o'clock, Kenji walks in. He is wearing a nice suit. He smiles when he sees Maiko.

"Hello, Maiko-san," he says. "I'm Kenji. Thank you for coming."

"Thank you for asking me," Maiko says, smiling back. She thinks, *He looks better than his photo! This is a good start.*

Kenji orders a simple black coffee. They begin to talk.

2. The Dentist's Passion

They talk about their jobs, their families, and their hobbies. Kenji **has worked** as a dentist for ten years. He has his own practice. Maiko is very interested.

"It sounds like a difficult job," Maiko says. "Do you like it?"

"I love it!" Kenji says happily. "I **have always loved** teeth. And I **have helped** many people stop their pain."

"That is wonderful," Maiko agrees. "But what is your favourite part of the job?"

Kenji takes a deep breath and his eyes get bright. "My favourite part is **pulling teeth**."

Maiko stops smiling. "P-pulling teeth?"

"Yes! Pulling them out!" Kenji says, very excited now. "It's so satisfying! You get the tools, you push and pull... *pop!* The tooth is out! I **have already removed** hundreds of teeth this year. I **have become** very good at it."

Maiko suddenly feels cold. She remembers going to the dentist when she was a child. The noise of the machine and the feeling of pain. *Pop!* She doesn't like the sound of that word.

"So, what kind of teeth do you like to pull?" Maiko asks, trying to sound calm.

"Oh, wisdom teeth are the best!" Kenji says, making a face that Maiko thinks is a little too happy. "They are deep, they are strong, and they need a lot of power. I **have just bought** some new, strong tools for that job!"

He leans forward. "I **have seen** some truly horrible teeth in my career. But I can fix everything! If you ever have a problem, Maiko-san, I can take care of it."

3. A Quick Goodbye

Maiko suddenly realizes that she feels sick. She looks at Kenji's hand. She sees his long, strong fingers and remembers him saying *push and pull... pop!*

She quickly stands up. "Oh, I am so sorry, Kenji-san. I **have just remembered** a very important meeting! I must go now."

Kenji looks surprised. "A meeting? Now? It's Tuesday evening."

"Yes! It's a special meeting. I **have forgotten** all about it. It's for my cooking club. We **have to** decide the menu for the next event," Maiko says, inventing a lie quickly.

"Oh, that's a shame," Kenji says. "I **have had** a nice time talking to you. Can we meet again soon? We **haven't talked** about our favourite films yet."

Maiko puts her hand on her head. "... I will call you. I need to go."

She quickly pays for her latte, gives Kenji a small, fast bow, and leaves the coffee shop.

She runs outside and takes a deep breath of the cold air.

Pulling teeth! Maiko thinks. *I **have never been** so frightened on a date!*

She walks down the street alone. Kenji is a nice man, and he is a good dentist, but his passion for *pop!* is too much for her.

Maiko takes out her phone and texts her friend, Rina.

*“Another Tuesday, another disaster. **I have decided** that my search for a husband **has to continue.**”*

She looks up at the sky. She knows her perfect person is out there somewhere. She just **hasn't found** him yet. Her long journey to find love **has not finished**.

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- 総単語数 (Wordcount): 約 985 語
- Headwords: 400 語レベル (Oxford Bookworms Library Stage 2 の推奨語彙に近づけています。)
- 文法シラバス: 現在完了形、過去形、現在形、未来形 (will)、助動詞 (can, must, have to) など、Stage 2 の文法項目を含んでいます。