

# The Café (for 4 students)

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Cast: Shota, Erika, Ayano, Daigo

*(Shota and Erika are sitting at a table in the cafe. They are both high school students.)*

Shota: Well, here we are in Kyoto. The sun is shining, and I feel so relaxed.

Erika: Yes, Kyoto is *so* beautiful.

Shota: And it's such a beautiful day.

Erika: The trees look lovely in the sunshine.

Shota: And it's so nice, sitting here with you. No homework to do ...

Erika: No parents to scold us ...

Shota: No boring teachers to talk to ... We haven't had time to relax.

Erika: We've been busy.

Shota: Since we started dating six months ago, I've wanted to visit Kyoto with you.

Erika: I couldn't wait for the day!

Shota: Me, too. *(Shota holds Erika's hands on the table.)*

*(Ayano comes to their table.)*

Ayano: Excuse me. There's no seat available. May I sit here?

Shota: Er... oh... yes.

*(Ayano sits down.)*

Ayano: Thank you. Just a minute... it's Shota!

Shota: My goodness! Ayano!

Ayano: Shota! How nice to see you again! It's been so long since we ...

Shota: Er... Ayano, this is my *girlfriend*, Erika.

Ayano: Oh, your girlfriend. Nice to meet you.

Erika: So you know Ayano, do you?

Ayano: Oh yes, Shota and I are old friends, aren't we, Shota?

Erika: You're old friends, are you?

Ayano: Oh yes, I've known Shota since we were in junior high.

Erika: You've known him longer than I, haven't you?

Ayano: Yes, of course! I'll never forget wonderful days we spent together!

*(They stop talking and look at one other.)*

Shota: Oh, a phone call from my mom!

*(He takes out his cell phone and tries to go, but Erika stops him.)*

Erika: Shota! ... Tell me, Ayano, what exactly do you mean by “old friends”?

Ayano: Sorry, I can't tell you in detail. I want to keep it a secret between the two of us!

*(Shota looks uneasy and points out of the window.)*

Shota: Oh, Ayano! There's somebody out of the window. Do you know him?

Ayano: I don't see anybody! Don't make fun of me!

Erika: Tell me more about your days with him.

Ayano: Well, when he met me, he didn't enjoy his school life.

Erika: Shota... you told me you *loved* your junior high school life.

Ayano: Ah, yes, that's because he met *me* there.

Shota: Ayano!

Ayano: Well, excuse me. I need to go now.. I'm so glad to meet you, Erika! Goodbye, Shota!

*(Ayano leaves.)*

Shota: Oh, dear.

Erika: You told me I was the first girl in your life, and I believed you ... and I've been so honest with you.

*(Erika sobs.)*

Shota: *(holds Erika's shoulders)* She was just a friend, Erika. Believe me.

Erika: I've told you everything.

Shota: Yes, Erika, I know. I was the first boy in your life.

*(Daigo comes to the table.)*

Shota: Oh... waiter. I'll have another cup of coffee, please.

Daigo: Certainly. And anything else? ...Oh, Erika!

Erika: Daigo!

Daigo: Erika, I've wanted to see you again!

Shota: Erika, have you met him before?

Erika: Well, Shota...

Daigo: Erika, it must be six months!

Erika: Seven, Daigo, seven!

Daigo: You're as lovely as ever!

Shota: Let's get out of here, Erika! We have *so* much to talk about!

Erika: Oh... er, yes. Excuse me, Daigo.

*(Shota and Erika leaves.)*

Daigo: Wait! Erika!