

Chapter 2: Yonamine and Bushi

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Read the story and write about the following in short.

Yonamine Chiru of Okinawa

SOLUTION

Yonamine Chim was the most admired girl in Okinawa. She was intelligent, tall, strong, big, and beautiful. She was so well-trained in Karate that no one could beat her. Her father was a rich man, and she would inherit a fortune from him. She had her own ideas about marriage and said that she would only marry a man who would beat her in a fair fight. Bushi did so and she married Bushi. It was a happy marriage. Yonamine was kind and loving; she cooked and cleaned and kept the house spic and span. She was swift and sharp in her reactions when she was attacked by a bandit. She was concerned about her husband and his health. When she came to know that the bandit she had beaten and tied to a tree was actually Bushi, she was apologetic and looked at the whole incident humorously.

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Read the story and write about the following in short.

Kojo

SOLUTION

Kojo was bigger and taller than Yonamine. He was tall and well-built; his hands were like shovels, and his legs resembled tree trunks. But he was unsportive and played foul. He threw a punch at Yonamine while she was bowing to him, breaking the rules of the game. He was then defeated by Yonamine.

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Read the story and write about the following in short.

Bushi Kiyo

SOLUTION

Bushi Kiyo was tall and slim; he stood firmly on his feet and seemed unshakeable. He had dark, piercing eyes, which looked straight at the opponent. He was fearless and straightforward. He was such an expert in Karate that he was recruited by the King to be his personal guard. Bushi did not want a delicate, fragile girl as his wife; he wanted a tall and strong girl like Yonamine. He decided to fight with Yonamine and win over her, which he did. He married Yonamine, and it was a happy marriage. However, he



sometimes wondered if she was really very strong and he was worried when she wanted to travel at night. He thought that she must be taught a lesson for her own good. He pretended to be a bandit and attacked her, but Yonamine defeated him. The next day, explaining what had happened, he sportingly told Yonamine that he had learned a lesson from the incident. The lesson was not to underestimate anybody, especially not a woman.

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Discuss and write 1-2 lines about the following,
Yonamine's ideas about marriage.

SOLUTION

Yonamine said she would only marry a man who would beat her in a fair fight.

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Discuss and write 1-2 lines about the following.
How Bushi defeated Yonamine in the wrestling match.

SOLUTION

At a crucial moment in their match, Yonamine paused briefly. Bushi took advantage of the moment and brought her down with a swift punch.

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Discuss and write 1-2 lines about the following,
Why Bushi told Yonamine not to travel at night.

SOLUTION

Bushi told Yonamine not to travel at night as it was not safe to go out alone after dark, for there were bandits about.

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Discuss and write 1-2 lines about the following.
Yonamine's fight with Bushi (disguised as a bandit).

SOLUTION

Yonamine held her attacker (Bushi) by the hand and kicked him with such force that he fell to the ground, unconscious. She then tied him to a tree with her sash.

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Discuss and write 1-2 lines about the following,
The lesson that Bushi learned.

SOLUTION

The lesson Bushi learned was not to underestimate anybody, especially not a woman.

Exercise | Q 3 | Page 48

Divide the story into different sections to show the different events and time periods in it. Give a suitable title to each section.

SOLUTION

Section	Title
1	Description of Yonamine
2	Yonamine's ideas about marriage
3	Finding a suitable man for Yonamine
4	Kojo comes forward and is defeated
5	Description of Bushi
6	Bushi's ideas about marriage
7	The match between Yonamine and Bushi
8	Yonamine and Bushi's married life

Exercise | Q 4. (a) | Page 48

Write a short monologue using one of the following ideas. Write down the monologue and present it in the class.

Yonamine's father worrying about getting her married.

SOLUTION

Yonamine is a wonderful girl. She is beautiful and will inherit a fortune from me. It is now time for her to get married, but where, oh where, will I find a young man who will marry her? She is stronger than most men, and where will I find a man who will come forward to marry a woman stronger than him? Besides, most young men want to marry girls who will cook and wash and make tea for their husbands; not girls who enjoy wrestling! Oh, I really want her to be happy and cared for and I truly hope she finds the right husband.

Exercise | Q 4. (b) | Page 48

Write a short monologue using one of the following ideas. Write down the monologue and present it in the class.

Bushi disguised as a bandit.

SOLUTION

Students can attempt this on their own



Exercise | Q 5. (a) | Page 48

Form groups and hold debates on the following topic. Make bulleted lists of points in favour of the topic (pros) and those against it (cons). (3-6 points each).
Boys cannot cook or do any housework.

SOLUTION

Pros	Cons
Boy's brains are made differently.	Eating is a basic necessity; if boys can eat, they should learn to cook.
Boys are clumsy and not as sensitive as girls and cooking and housekeeping need sensitivity.	The most famous chefs are men.
Boys are, even today, the main earners in a family, and they should concentrate on building their career rather than household duties.	Today there are many nuclear families in India with both husband and wife earning; therefore both must cook and do housework.

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Form groups and hold debates on the following topics. Make bulleted lists of points in favour of the topic (pros) and those against it (cons). (3-6 points each)
Girls cannot do everything that boys do.

SOLUTION

Pros	Cons
Girls do not have the physical strength to do what boys do	Girls can do whatever boys can, providing they develop their physical strength.
Girl's brains are made differently for different things.	Given equal opportunities, girls can be at the same level as boys.
Girls should not compete with boys but supplement them.	The West has shown that girls and boys are equal in all fields; it's all in our minds.

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Form groups and hold debates on the following topics. Make bulleted lists of points in favour of the topic (pros) and those against it (cons). (3-6 points each)
You should never lose a match.

SOLUTION

Pros	Cons
If you lose a match, you lose your confidence.	It gives you the strength to face defeat.
Others (coach, parents) will be disappointed in you.	You will try harder.
If you lose once, it becomes a habit.	You will not be over-confident.

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Form groups and hold debates on the following topics. Make bulleted lists of points in favour of the topic (pros) and those against it (cons). (3-6 points each)
You should admit your mistakes.

SOLUTION

Students can attempt this on their own.

Exercise | Q 6 | Page 48

Visit a library:

Read more stories from Japan, China, and Korea.

SOLUTION

Students do it by yourself.

