

Rakugo 3 The Cat's Rice Bowl



骨董品 (Kotto Hin) : Antique 骨董屋(KottoYa) : Antique Dealer 捨て猫 (Sute Neko) : Stray Cat

The owner of the town's antique shop went searching for antiques in the village. However, he did not find anything. The owner went back to town on the bus. He had a one hour wait until the bus would come, so he entered a nearby shop. He then ate bread and drank milk at the shop while waiting for the bus.

An elderly woman owned the shop. There was a cat living in the shop that ate its food from a rice bowl. That rice bowl was a very expensive antique rice bowl that was worth about 5,000,000 Yen. The antique dealer thought, "The elderly woman must not know that the rice bowl is an expensive antique.", and wanted the bowl for himself.

The antique dealer asked the elderly woman "Would you sell this cat to me for 10,000 Yen? I want its rice bowl as well." The elderly woman complied, "Sure, this cat is a stray cat. This bowl is dirty so I will give you a new plastic bowl." "No, I'm fine with this bowl." he responded. When he rejected the offer of the plastic bowl, she responded with, "This rice bowl is very expensive. It is an antique worth 5,000,000 yen."

The antique dealer asked the elderly woman "Why are you using such an expensive antique rice bowl to feed the cat?" "Because when I use it to feed the cat, sometime s I can sell a cat for 10,000 yen" the owner responded.

