

Pattern #11 – Quiz: If I had (not) AAA, I would (not) have BBB

幸子：美保が若者ボランティアの人道支援プロジェクトに参加するためにアフリカに行ったって聞いた？

忠信：健二から聞いたんだ。実は健二が彼女の両親を説得して行かせなかったら、彼女は行かせてもらえなかったろう。彼女の両親がどれだけ過保護か知ってるだろう？僕があんな両親に生まれていたら、とっくに家出してたろう。とはいえ、彼女の両親が心配するのも無理はない。僕だって心配だよ。

幸子：心配しないで！美保はもう大人だし、自分のことは自分でできるわ。もし君もこんなチャンスをもらえたら、やってたかしら？君、生まれつきスリルを求めるタイプだってことは知ってるわ。^^

忠信：どうかな。冒険は好きなんだけど、物騒で混沌とした歴史を持つ発展途上国に行くのはちょっと危険そう。たとえチャンスをもらえたとしても、おそらく参加しなかっただろう。

幸子：そう思うのも無理はない。あの国はまだ政治的に不安定だから。美保が無事でいてくれるといいけど。

忠信：あの子は昔からずっと正義感が強くて、社会的な良心も強くて、社会問題の解決にも関心がある。僕たちの年代の若者には珍しいよね？だから、そういうところは本当に尊敬するけど、燃え尽きてしまうんじゃないかと心配なんだよ。美保はすごく共感力があって、他人を思いやるタイプなんだけど、その反面...

幸子：言いたいこと分かる。彼女はとても感情的で繊細なんだよね。そんな子が、あんな大変な環境にいても大丈夫だろうか？もし...もしうつ病が再発したらどうするの？ちゃんと精神安定剤は持って行ったかな？

忠信：持って行ったと聞いた。彼女、薬を持って行かなかったら、飛行機の渡航さえやりきれなかっただろう。

幸子：私は彼女の親友よ。もしかしたら止めるべきだったのかも。もし私が彼女の決断を支持していなかったら、彼女はそこに行くことを考え直していたかもしれない...もしかしたらね。まだ彼女から連絡がないの。

メールも何もないわ。ところで、ケンジはどう？

忠信：何度か電話したんだけど、なかなか繋がらない。きっと私たちより心配してるんだろうな。彼が美保のことをどう思っているか、君も知ってるだろう。もし彼が「行かないで」って言ったら、美保は行かなかっただろう。でも健二君って、彼女をがっかりさせたくなかったそう。

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Sachi: Have you heard that Miho went to Africa to join a humanitarian project for youth volunteers?

Nobu: I heard from Kenji. In fact, **if he hadn't** convinced her parents to let her go, **she wouldn't have** been allowed to go. You know how overprotective her parents are right? **If I'd** been born to parents like that, **I would have** run away from home a long time ago. Having said that, her parents have good reason to be worried. I'm worried too.

Sachi: Don't worry! Miho's a big girl, and she can take care of herself. **If you had** been given the chance to do something like this, **would you have** done it? I know you're a natural thrill-seeker. ^^

Nobu: I'm not sure. It's true that I love adventure, but going to a developing country with such a chaotic history sounds a little dangerous. **Even if I had** been offered a chance, **I probably wouldn't have** joined such a program.

Sachi: I don't blame you for feeling like that. That country is still not politically stable. I really hope Miho's okay.

Nobu: That girl has always had a strong sense of right and wrong. She has a social conscience and an interest in solving social issues. That's pretty rare for young people our age, right? So, I really admire her for those qualities, but I'm worried about her burning out over there. Miho is very empathetic and caring about others, but...

Sachi: I know what you mean. She's also very emotional and sensitive. Is it safe for a girl like that to be in such a difficult environment? What if... what if her depression comes back? Did she bring her medication with her?

Nobu: I heard she did. **If she hadn't** brought her medicine, **she wouldn't have** survived the airplane ride. ^^ Haha...

Sachi: I'm her best friend. Maybe I should have stopped her. **If I hadn't** supported her decision, **she would have** reconsidered going there... maybe. I still haven't heard from her. No emails, nothing. By the way, how's Kenji?

Nobu: I called him a few times, but he won't get back to me. He's probably more worried than we are. You know how he feels about Miho. **If he had** told her not to go, **she wouldn't have** gone. But he didn't want to disappoint her.