

Text Checker

Lesson 8

Part 1

- [1] When and where was Kazu Hiro born?
—He was born in 1969 in Kyoto.
- [2] How long has Kazu been full of curiosity and creativity?
—(He has been full of curiosity and creativity) Since childhood.
- [3] What did Kazu watch when he was a high school student?
—He watched many sci-fi movies.
- [4] What was Kazu inspired by?
—He was inspired by the various kinds of special effects.
- [5]-[6] Where did Kazu find a picture of an actor who looked like a US president?
—He found it in an American movie magazine.
- [6] Who did the actor Kazu found in the American movie magazine look like?
—He looked (just) like Abraham Lincoln(, the 16th US president).
- [7] What was this due to?
—(It was due to) Special effects makeup.
- [8] What did Kazu try?
—He tried such[special effects] makeup by himself.
- [9] Who did Kazu write to?
—He wrote to Dick Smith(, the New York makeup artist in charge of Lincoln's makeup).
- [10] Did Dick give Kazu a quick reply?
—Yes, he did.
- [10] What did Smith ask Kazu to do?
—Smith asked Kazu to send him photos of Kazu's own makeup work.
- [11] Who helped Kazu to exchange letters with Dick?
—His English teacher did.

Part 2

[1] When did Dick visit Tokyo and meet Kazu?

—(He visited Tokyo and met Kazu) In 1987.

[2] What did Dick offer Kazu?

—He offered Kazu a job as a special effects makeup artist.

[3] What kind of movie was Kazu's job as a special effects makeup artist for?

—(It was for) A Japanese horror movie that Dick supervised.

[4] Did Kazu get a lot of pleasure from his job as a special effects makeup artist?

—Yes, he did.

[5] Afterward, where did Kazu work?

—He worked at a makeup studio.

[5] Did Kazu become independent as a special effects makeup artist?

—Yes, he did.

[6] In 1995, on which movie did Kazu finally get a chance to work?

—(He finally got a chance to work on) A Hollywood movie, *Men in Black*.

[7] After working on *Men in Black*, did he stop working on movies?

—No, he didn't.

[8] How was Kazu's makeup technique evaluated?

—It was evaluated highly.

[9] When was Kazu nominated for an Academy Award?

—(He was nominated for one) In 2006 and 2007.

[10] What does the movie industry always focus on?

—It always focuses on time and money.

[11] What did Kazu want to do?

—He wanted to (be free to) pursue his artistic ideals.

[12] What did Kazu decide?

—He decided to go beyond what he had achieved in Hollywood.

[13] In 2012, what field did Kazu move to?

—He moved to the field of modern art.

Part 3

- [1] When did Kazu get an unexpected offer?
—(He got it) In 2016.
- [2] Who asked Kazu to take charge of special effects makeup for his new movie?
—(The famous British actor) Gary Oldman (did).
- [3] Who would Gary play in his new movie?
—He would play Winston Churchill(, the former British prime minister).
- [4] Did Kazu quickly decide to return to the movie industry?
—No, he didn't.
- [4] Did Kazu finally accept the offer from Gary?
—Yes, he did.
- [5]-[7] Why did Kazu say yes to the offer from Gary?
—Because (Dick Smith once transformed an actor into Lincoln, and) he wanted to show his respect for Dick by accepting this similar challenge.
- [8] Were people very surprised to see the wartime leader move and speak on the screen?
—Yes, they were.
- [9] When did Kazu first receive the Academy Award for Best Makeup and Hairstyling?
—(He first received it) In 2018.
- [10] What did Kazu win in 2020?
—He won the award[Academy Award for Best Makeup and Hairstyling] again for his work in another movie.
- [11] What did Kazu say he understood?
—(He said) He understood the importance of doing what he liked without putting a limit on his work.

Part 4

[2]-[3] Satoshi begins his speech with two questions. What are the two questions?

—(They are) “What’s your dream?” and “How will you make it come true?”

[4] What will Satoshi introduce?

—He will introduce two memorable suggestions by Kazu Hiro.

[5] In Satoshi’s opinion, when may you lose confidence and want to give up?

—(You may lose confidence and want to give up) When you are pursuing your dream.

[6] What does Satoshi say you often do?

—(He says) You often compare yourself with other people.

[7] Does Kazu believe it is important to make comparisons with other people?

—No, he doesn’t.

[8] What does Kazu say you should do rather than worrying about others?

—(He says) You should spend your time working toward your own goal.

[9] According to Kazu, when you find something you like, how long should you continue to do it?

—(You should do it) For at least 10 years.

[10]-[11] What does Satoshi say about the Japanese proverb, “Three years on a stone”?

—(He says) Three years may not be enough.

[12] When did Kazu write to Dick Smith to realize his dream?

—(He wrote to Dick Smith) In his school days.

[13] What does Satoshi believe you can do?

—He believes you, too, can do something to take the first step toward your dream.