Introduction to Ihara Saikaku 井原西鶴 (1642-1693).

Saikaku was an early Edo writer of *haikai* comic verse and *ukiyozôshi* light fiction. He was raised in an Osaka merchant family and his writings often focus on merchant life. He began as a *haikai* poet, and his writings show *hakai* 's influence, especially in his use of *kakekotoba* pivots and in a certain detached sense of irony. He was famous for his spectacular feats of solo *haikai* composition: in 1666 he composed 1000 stanzas in one sitting; then 1600 in 1667; 10,000 in 1673 and finally 16,000 in one day and one night (1677). In the last composing frenzy, a group of exhausted scribes were barely able to copy down the stanzas as he dictated them. Not surprisingly, given his success as a writer of fiction, his *haikai* style is said to have a *monogatari* (narrative) element, in that the stanzas tend to be linked both forward and backward.

His first novel, *Kôshoku Ichidai Otoko* 好色一代男 (A Man Who Devoted His Life to Love, 1682) was very successful. It deals in two long parts (each divided into shorter episodes) with the amatory experiences of the character Yoronosuke and has a relatively happy ending (the hero sails off to an Island of Women with a few cronies and a stock of provisions including aphrodisiacs and such). His later writings tend to have less happy endings. This is particularly true of the story collection from which we're reading an excerpt, *Kôshoku Gonin Onna* 好色一代女 (Five Women Who Devoted Their Lives to Love, 1686), in which only the last story has something approaching a happy ending. In each of the five stories the passion of young lovers intersects with issues of money, and most often the lovers are doomed, not because of anything they actually did, but because of some kind of stupid misunderstanding that should have easily been cleared up.

The main characters in this story are Seijiro and Onatsu. In the opening chapter, Seijuro, the handsome son of a wealthy sake brewer, is disowned by his father for being a spendthrift playboy in the pleasure quarters. He ends up in Himeji, where he becomes a clerk in the Tajima-ya (Tajima Family) shop. He does very well for himself until he falls in love with Onatsu, the younger sister of Kuemon, the owner of the shop. The fifteen-year-old Onatsu is described as being extremely beautiful and passionate; at the start of this chapter she and Seijiro are wasting away in longing for each other, but have not yet found a way to meet in secret. They are thwarted because each night Onatsu's sister-in-law carefully secures a partition separating the main house, where Onatsu sleeps, from the shop, where Seijiro is sleeping: "As the lovers heard the sliding door clang shut, it echoed in their ears more fearful than the roar of thunder."

ř.v.:	- よる卵丁 9年 Talko ni Yoru Shishimai ★ 街前 Kakekotob
太鼓	dium
狮子舞	lion dance
尾上	place name
櫻	cherry biossoms
· 咲き (4)	to bloom
妻	wives (here, young wives)
やうす	appearance
自慢	pride
★ 色	① color ② sexual appeal
親	parents (here probably mothers)
ひけらかし(4)	to flaunt, show off, be proud of
花	flowers (here cherry blossoms)
^办 見 (上一)	to look at, to see
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^{ゆき} 行 (4)	to go
今の世	contemporary world, nowadays
= = 5 心	mindset; aesthetic sensibilities
まかく 兎角	MJ とにかく at any rate
tu to	shape-shifter
姫路の於佐賀部狐	a fox sorcerer who lived in Himeji castle
かへって	contrary to expectations
tor 間毛よみ (4)	note: footnote indicates that the reading of <i>matsuge</i> is probably a mistake for <i>mayuge</i> : to bewitch, enchant, seduce
た はまや いっぴ	the entire household of Tajima-ya
· F	field

あそび (noun)	fun, pleasure (here the RY of yodan verb あそぶ functioning as noun)
女中	the women of the house
駕籠	palanquin
つり (4)	to carry (here, carry the palanquin)
跡	behind, the rear
せいじゅうろう 清十郎	Seijūrō; personal name
k.s.t	everything
見集め(下二)	to supervise
^{つかは} 造す (4)	send, dispatch
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高砂	place name
きね 曽根	place name
若緑	fresh green
立つ	showing, emerging
砂濱	sand beach
気色	scenery
また	also, again
ns 有まじき X	an X which is unlikely, incredible, unbelievable
款	view (description of view)
里	village
がから 童子	children
さらへ	rake
でごと	each
*************************************	fallen leaves

山吹 X なんともおもはず	to have no thought for X, to ignore X
藤 い吹	yellow mountain rose
·····································	multitudes, crowds wisteria
11/4 花見 Looj	flower viewing
あらそひ(4)	compete
そで 袖	sleeves
★ 紅	deep red, crimson
★ くれ (下二)	the [sun] sets; to grow dark
夕日	evening sun
上づか 静	quiet, calm
95df5 海原	ocean
化延 七郎 しく (4)	to spread out
that La both 花筵 毛氈	flower-viewing mats and rugs
うすく (ku adj.)	thin, bare
若草 すこし (adverb)	slightly
* とりとり わかくき 若草	① various ② X と思ふ young grasses
めづらしく(shiku adj.) ★ とりどり	interesting, attractive, unusual
ぬき (4)	to pluck
つばな	reeds
ナみれ	violets
松露の春子	baby spring mushrooms
かきのけ(下二)	push aside

(Verbs in RY) 四铜 入致 元章 小袖	kind of kimono robe
幕	curtain
ゆかしく(shiku adj.)	to be curious
_{のぞき} 覗 をくれ(下二)	take a peep
カ~り (4)	to return home
たる 樽	barrel, cask (of sake)
崩け (下二)	to open
<u> </u>	sake, wine
たのしみ	enjoyment
萬事	everything
なげやり(4)	disregard
けふの肴 (pronounced きょう) tempting morsel, tantalizing tidbit
たんと	many, very
うれしく (shiku adj.)	be happy, pleased, gleeful
がる	Look up in Classical Japanese
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こなた	=このように in this way
酒盛	revelry, carousal
下々	lower classes, common people (here, the palanquin bearers)
天目	tea bowl (any large bowl)
香	drinking
思ひ出 (おもひいで)	fantasies, dreams
申 (4)	to say
夢	dream

胡蝶(pronounced こちょう	butterfly				
X まけず	no less than X (literally, "not to be beaten by X")				
廣野	the field				
わがもの 我物	one's own property, domain				
息杖	palanquin bearer's resting staff (here, acting like a makura kotoba)				
ながく (ku adj.)	to be long; at length				
たのしみ (4)	to experience pleasure, enjoyment				
前後	at last				
しらず有けり	a state of not knowing, i.e. unconscious				
折	time				
むら立ち (4)	stand in a group, gather into a group				
曲太鞁大神楽	kagura dancing to song and taiko drum				
きたり (4)	to come				
おのおの	each, everyone				
あそび所	place of fun				
見掛 (下二)	to turn to look				
獅子がしら	the lion head				
身ぶり	gestures, acting, pantomime				
扱も扨も	indeed				
仕くみ (4)	to be skillful				
ukuk 皆々	everyone				
た 立ち (4)	here, to move forward, come closer				
こぞり(4)	to do X together, to do X completely				
りかり 物見だけく(ku adj.)	Burning curiosity, fascination [with a spectacle]				

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cc 只	just, simply
何事	everything
わすれ (下二)	to forget
ひたもの	earnestly, reverently
所望	request, encore
やみ (4)	to stop, cease
おしみ (4)	to regret, be regrettable
さり (4)	to leave, depart
美曲	lovely songs
有程	full extent
つくし (4)	to exhaust
おなつ	Onatsu, personal name (sister of the head of the Tajima-ya merchant family)
独	alone
幕	curtain
_{のこ} 残り (4)	to remain behind
trus 虫歯	toothache, cavity
いたみ (4)	pain
なやみ (4)	to be troubled, distressed
ser. 風情	appearance
^{そでまくら} 袖枕	to make (her) sleeve a pillow
取乱し (4)	to be disordered
带	kimono sash
しやらほどけ (下二)	to come undone

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あまた	many, lots
ぬぎ (4)	extra
かへこそで替小袖	change of clothing, here extra robes
つみかさね (下二)	to be piled up in layers
物陰 (adj. verb)	lie unobserved, hidden
うつつなき(ku adj.)	unreal, not real
空肝	snoring
心にくく(ku adj.)	faint, indistinct
かかる	this (kind)
よや業	slight of hand, trickery
L+00 当尾	event, result
がな	look up in Classical Japanese
ま 気のつき (4)	to figure out, devise (notice)
与Ex 分ぼう 町女房	a city girl, merchant-class girl
あるまじき X	X not likely to happen, unbelievable
い 巾さま	be sophisticated (about pleasures)
년 (rahen)	である
おはし (sahen)	polite verbal, to be
こころを付(下二)	to notice
▶ 松むらしげく(ku adj.)	thickly-clumped pines
▼ むらむらとしげく(4)	be seized by desire, temptation (to 5 to 5 is a Ch. adjectival verb)
L5345 後道	back road, path around to the back
とり	by means of

まはり (4)	to go around
まねき (4)	to beckon, invite
結髪	hairstyle
ほどけ (下二)	become unraveled, disordered
かまふ (4)	concern, to be concerned
いふ (4)	to say
りょうにん 両人	both people
鼻息 (4)	to breathe hard (through the nose)
せはしく (shiku adj.)	quickly, fast
胸	chest, heart
おどらし (sahen)	throb, beat fast with anxiety
人見	hole to see through, peek hole
はなし (4)	to let go of, release (here, take your eyes off of)
兄嫁	elder brother's wife (sister-in-law)
こはく(ku adj.)	be afraid of
跡	behind
かたへ	onlooker, spectator
こころつき(4)	to notice
起さま	having arisen
柴人	woodcutter
壹荷	one load of firewood
おろし(4)	to put down, let fall
金兼	sickle, scythe
握しめ(下二)	to grasp

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ふんどし	loincloth
うごかし(4)	to move
かほつきし (sahen)	to have an expression on one's face
ここち	to feel
よく (ku adj.)	to be good
げ	Look up in Classical Japanese
え 見て居 (4)	to be watching
しり (4)	to be aware, conscious of
* に 誠 に	truly
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かしら	head
かくし (4)	to cover
尻	buttocks
出 (下二)	to leave, come out of (X)
かんじん	central, most essential
おもしろひ	interesting part
*** 半ば	in the middle .
いた 出し (sahen)	put on, put forth
やめ (下二)	to stop
DA.5つ 見物	show, spectacle
興覚 (下二)	awaken from pleasure, the pleasure abates
★ 山々	① lots, many ② mountains
かけみ	mist
ふかく(ku adj.)	be thick

夕日	the setting sun
かたぶき (4)	to set
k ₅ -5	everything, all
仕舞(4)	finish, put an end to
ひめち 姫路	place name
カュ〜り (4)	to return home
おもいなく(ku adj.)	an idle (mere) fancy
はや	already, so soon
ェ 腰つきひらたく(ku adj.)	walks with an easy gait; swings her hips
なり (4)	to become
さがり (4)	to leave, depart
やくにん 役人	players, actors
けふ	today
お影お影	thank you, thank you
大神楽	grand kagura danc
作り物	something contrived; devised
手くだ	scheme, trick
A A	for the purpose of
がだ 出し (4)	to perform, put on
かしこく(ku adj.)	wise
神	deities
しり (4)	to know
た 合ひ (4)	honorific verbal
まして	still more

(Verbs in RY) 西鶴 太鼓に	こよる獅子舞 Taiko ni Yoru Shishimai	*	掛詞	Kakekotoba
はしり知恵	scramble-brained, weak-witted			
X なんどが = などが	someone like X			

太鼓による獅子舞



のやうす自慢、

^② 色 ぃ ぅ

1 をのへ さくら(さき) て人の妻の

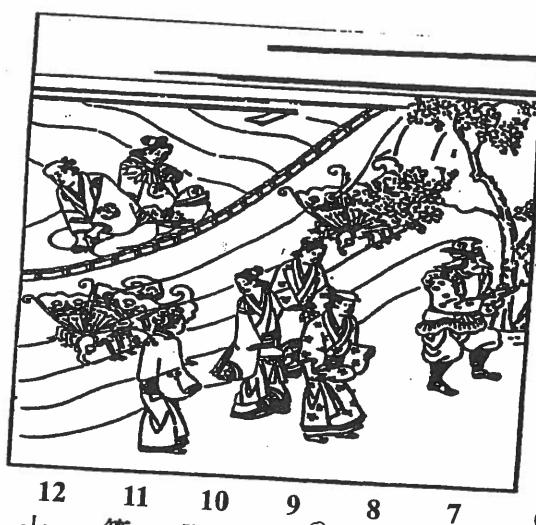
3 ゚゚゚゚゚。 娘は母の親ひけらかし

て、花は見ずに見られ

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行 は今の世の人心な(๑~)



13 ける。

7 ちをさかべぎでねり。 兎角女は化物、姫の

9 のではまるでしまっぱまではまるべし。

だっらせて、跡より清野あそびとて、女中駕

十郎、萬の見集に遣し

髙砂、 曾祢の松も 若緑 立て、 わかみどり (たち) 砂濱の氣色又有まじき詠ぞかし。 すなはま (ある)

15 里の童子さらへ手毎に落葉かきのけ、 松露の春子を取など、 しやうる (F)

1 すみれ、つばなをぬきしや、それめづらしく

17 すこしうすかりき所に 花筵、 もうせん うなばらしつか 我もとりか

毛氈しかせて、海原 静に夕日 紅、

ゆうひくれない

人 々の

是なる

19 小袖幕の内 ゆかしく 覗をくれて帰らん事を 忘れ、 樽の口を 明 て酔は st**

20 人間のたのしみ、萬事なげやりて、 此女中をけふの肴とてたんとうれしがりぬ。(この) じょちゅう

2 こなたには女酒盛、男とては清十郎ばかり、 下々天目呑に思ひ出申て、

22 夢を胡蝶にまけず、廣野を、我、物にして息杖ながくたのしみ、前後もしらず、有いける。 いきづえ いきづえ

23 其 折から、人むら 立 て、曲太鞁大神楽のきたり、おの人(その) へのあそび所を見掛、

24 獅子がしらの身ぶり、扨も人 -仕くみて、皆々立こぞりて、女は物見だけくて、かんくない(たち)

25 只何事をもわすれ、ひたもの所望々々とやむ事をおしみけり。 此 獅子舞もでいまる

26 ひとつ所をさらず、美曲の有程はつくしける。おなつは見ずして、独幕に残て、05150

27 虫歯のいたむなど、すこしなやむ風情に、袖枕取乱して、帯はしやらほどけを17 セービ そでまくらとりなだ。 (世)

29 かゝる時、はや業の首尾もがなと気のつく事、町女房はまたあるまじき図

30 帥さま也。清十郎、おなつばかり残りおはしけるにこゝろを付、松むらしす。 ⑥

31 後道よりまはりければ、おなつまねきて、 30 結髪のほどくるもかまはず、物もいはず、

32 兩人鼻息せはしく 胸ばかりおどらして、幕の人見より目をはなさず、まく。 兄嫁こはく

33 跡のかたへは心もつかず、起さまにみれば、柴人壹荷をおろして鎌を 握 しめ、ふんどしかと

34うごかし、あれはといふやうなるかほつきして、こゝちよげに見て居ともしらず、 誠 に ・ 誠 に

3かしらかくしてや尻とかや。此獅子舞、清十郎幕の中より出しをみて、この ししまひ まく いで いで

36 かんじんのおもしろひ 半ばにてやめけるを、見物興覚て、残り多き事山々に 霞がりんじんのおもしろひ 半ばにてやめけるを、見物興覚て、残り多き事山々に 霞がすみ

37ふかく、夕日かたぶけば、 39 萬を仕舞て、 姫路にかへる。おもひなしか、 **4**0

38 はやおなつ腰つきひらたくなりぬ。清十郎跡にさがりて、獅子舞の役人に、

39 「けふはお影! こといへるを聞ば、 、
い
大神楽は作り物にして、
(いの)だいかぐら

40手くだの為に出しけるとは、かしこき神もしらせ給ふまじ。ましてやはしり知恵なる。

41兄嫁なんどが何としてしるべし。