

“The Names of the Story”

The Beginning:

The 90 year old Ayako is sitting in the dressing room at a TV station. The 16 year old of Ayako appears.

Scene 1

Ayako is writing the diary. She dreams herself as the nurse Florence Nightingale. Mother is arguing with her brother Aoki. Aoki is a elementary schoolteacher. He had fight with his Japanese principle. Aoki decides to join the military so that he can be as equal as Japanese.

Scene 2

Ayako gave Aoki a thousand stitch belt with the print of butterfly on the day he joins the military. From now on, Aoki is the son the emperor.

Ayako’s diary: A neighbor joined the nurse team in the war. Ayako really wants to follow her and dedicate her passion to Japan.

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Aoki meets Takeuchi who is also from Taiwan. In a short time, they become good friends. The ship was attacked by the torpedo. Both of them falls from the ship and saved in the end.

Ayako’s diary: Ayako decided to go to oversea and sever as a nurse. For the peace of Asia, Japan has to win the war.

S4

Aoki and Takeuchi go to the riverside to get water for bath. Kabeya and two other soldiers want Aoki and Takeuchi clean their underwear, but Takeuchi is not willing to follow the order. Kabeya wants Aoki and Takeuchi to slap each other as a punishment. Takeuchi knows it does not matter how hard they try to be loyal to Japan, Taiwanese can never be as equal as Japanese. Takeuchi got sick.

Ayako’s diary: Ayako meets Takeuchi who got malaria in a war hospital in south Asia. They fall in love, and want to meet again if they can go back to Taiwan in the future.

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USA air force attacks the Japanese camp. Aoki, Takeuchi and Kabeya almost got buried alive. When they wake up, they found out that they are the only people survived in the camp.

S6

Aoki, Takeuchi and Kabeya are looking for the food in jungle. Kabeya is killed by the US military. When Aoki and Takeuchi bury the body, Takeuchi is bitten by a centipede.

Ayako's diary: Ayako retreats to the jungle with other hospital staff. She is reading the love letters from Takeuchi.

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Takeuchi's leg is swollen. Aoki got the food from the junk yard in the US camp, but he does not know that he has been followed. US soldiers arrest Takeuchi. Aoki escapes and falls off from the mountain.

S8:

Aoki wakes up and found himself in a strange place. He prey to sun under trees every day. Gradually, he is surrounded by the timbo, and becomes a cocoon.

Ayako's diary: US air force is bombing. Ayako hiding on the riverside. There is a butterfly flying towards her.

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The butterfly stops on the cocoon. The members of the search team cut the cocoon into half and found Aoki inside. Aoki can not believe that Japanese has lost the war. He tries to kill himself but does not work out.

S10

Taiwanese government bring Aoki back to Taiwan. It is Ayako and Takeuchi welcoming him in the airport. They became husband and wife after they met again in Taiwan. Taiwanese government makes Aoki as a brave Chinese hero who hates evil Japanese, and he becomes the propaganda for KMT.

Aoki and Takeuchi can not get the compensation from the Japanese government. They decide to ask for help for the Taiwanese government.

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Unfortunately, Taiwanese government is not really willing to help those Taiwanese-Japanese soldiers to get their compensation. Aoki and Takeuchi decided to go to Japan and fight more.

S12

Ayako, Aoki and Takeuchi arrive at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo. When Emperor comes, Aoki tries to get the attention from him, but is stopped by the police and beats badly. Aoki put the thousand stitch belt on his waist. He pours the gasoline on himself. Butterflies appear in the flame and fly towards the Sun.

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The old Ayako told the reporter from the tv station. The novel she just published maybe the only novel that she wrote in her life. The story written in the novel is different from the reality.

The truth is: After arguing with the mother, Aoki gave up the idea to join the military. It is Ayako's idea to push Aoki become a Japanese soldier. And Ayako thought she will be a nurse, in fact she was sent to Japanese camp as a comfort woman in south Asia. In the novel, Aoki is a hero. When he came back to Taiwan, he did all the things that Ayako is afraid of doing in her life. But in reality, Aoki never came back to Taiwan. He was too hungry and too sick when Japan military retreated. The Japanese soldiers kill him so that he won't be a burden.

After 300 plus days to be a comfort woman, Ayako went back to Taiwan and lost her ability to give a birth. Takeuchi brings back Aoki's thousand stitch belt back to Ayako. He falls in love with her. Unfortunately, he did not know Ayako once was a comfort woman. In order to hide the truth, Ayako rejected the proposal from Takeuchi, and being single for the rest of her life.