# 1. The Retinue of the Traveling Monk Enters and Meets an Old Fisherman

The group of traveling monk and his retainers appear and announce that they are arriving in Yashima by boat. Then, the old fisherman enters, followed by a younger fellow fisherman.

# Traveling Monk

The moon nearly reaches above the ocean in the south. With the moon, we too shall visit Yashima Bay in Southern Provinces.

# Traveling Monk

Before you is a traveling monk from somewhere near Kyoto. Since I had not been to Shikoku yet, I made up my mind to travel around the western provinces.

# Traveling Monk

In a spring haze, a boat returns from offshore on the waves. Clouds covering the setting sun are illuminated in colors. Our boat traveled under the clouds, and at the end of a long voyage, we reached Yashima.

# Old Fisherman

How interesting! The moon rises above the ocean to shine its light upon big waves. The waves seem like a fire burning in the night.

### Fellow Fisherman

An old fisherman comes to an anchorage on the western shore at night.

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Fishermen He scoops the clear water of the Xiang River and boils it over a fire of bamboo in the darkness before dawn. The heart of this old poem truly comes close to my mind now. You can distantly see the fire burning reeds on the opposite shore. Such a tasteful view!

Old Fisherman

The tide rises with the moon. Floating between waves

Fellow Fisherman

is a boat blurrily seen. It rows toward this shore.

Old Fisherman

Thanks to the call of a fisherman.

Fishermen the boat learns it is reaching a village.

Old Fisherman

Thousands of miles of journey on the ocean traveled in an unreliable boat like a leaf. The journey even relies on the wind in a sail.

Fellow Fisherman

Waves of clouds illuminated in the evening sky

Fishermen will disappear when the moon rises. The green of the pine grove floating in spring haze is illuminated by the moonlight and reflects and melts in the blue of the ocean. The green blurs the line between ocean and shore. Ah, the undistinguishable world will continue in the sea off Kyushu.

Fishermen Here, along Yashima Bay, live many fishermen.

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Fellow Fisherman

They bustle about fishing on the sea and have restless lives.

Fishermen On the waves, offshore covered by spring haze, you can faintly see a small boat of fisherman sailing in the dusk. The atmosphere of long, calm spring, even the ocean breeze travels peacefully, will entice us with gentle, soft feelings.

Old Fisherman

We shall first go back to our salt-baking hut and rest.

# 2. Dialogues between Old Fisherman and Monk

To ask lodging for a night, the traveling monk exchanges words with the old fisherman and his companion.

Monk The owner of the salt-baking hut returns. I would like to go and ask lodging for tonight. Excuse me, but could I talk with someone who lives in this salt-baking hut?

Fellow Fisherman

May I ask who you are?

Monk I am a monk traveling around the provinces. Could you give us a place to stay overnight?

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老漁夫たち

海上で忙しく釣りをして、

Yashima Story

### Fellow Fisherman

Please wait for a moment. I will relay your request to my master. Excuse me, master, but a monk traveling around the provinces comes to ask for lodging here for tonight.

## Old Fisherman

Tell him that this house is too miserable and shabby to welcome him overnight.

### Fellow Fisherman

Yes, master. Although I conveyed your request to my master, he says that this place is too shabby to ask you to stay tonight.

No, no, I do not care about how humble the place is. I have come all Monk the way from a place near Kyoto and this is my first time to visit this bay. The night has already fallen. Would you please ask him once again to let us stay here one night?

## Fellow Fisherman

Yes, certainly. Master, I conveyed your reply as you asked me to, but the monk repeatedly begs lodging for tonight because it is already dark and he is a traveler from Kyoto.

### Old Fisherman

What? Did the traveler say that he is from Kyoto?

## Fellow Fisherman

Yes, he did.

# Old Fisherman

I am sorry he finds himself in such circumstances. In that case, I shall ask him to stay overnight.

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This is merely a poor hut whose roof is thatched with reeds.

Old Fisherman

So, please do not expect that it will be much different from sleeping outside.

Fellow Fisherman

Besides, tonight, the sky is neither completely clear nor

Old Fisherman

cloudy. Nothing is more splendid than

Fishermen the hazy moon on such a spring night. Although we say so, there is nothing spread on the floor in this poor fishermen's hut made of poor materials.

Reciters I am sorry to have you sleep on a rush mat just as coarse as the moss growing on the tall pine trees in Yashima.

To console your heart, please look at the flock of cranes, gathering Reciters as the name of Mure Bay implies. It is certain that those cranes will eventually return to the world above the clouds. Traveler, I have heard that your home is Kyoto. I feel tenderness in my heart even just hearing it. "Originally we too were..." stating so, but the old fisherman stops the words and is soon choked with tears.

# 3. Old Fisherman's Story

Since the monk asks the old fisherman to narrate the story about the Battle at Yashima, the fisherman vividly describes the battle scene.

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Yashima

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How can I say... Although this is an unsuitable request for me who renounced the world, I heard that the Genji and Heike clan had a battle here at Yashima in ancient times. Would you mind telling us the story through the night?

### Old Fisherman

It is an easy request, and I shall tell you.

# Old Fisherman

Well, it was the eighteenth day of the third month in 1184. The warriors of the Heike clan pulled out to sea about one hundred yards away from the shore. The warriors of the Genji clan came out to the shore, ready to fight. The grand General of the Genji, Minamoto no Yoshitsune, wore silk *hitatare*-style *kimono* for war with gorgeous shokkō-style design on a red background. On top of it he wore great armor the edges of whose threads were dyed in dark purple. He braced his feet against his stirrups and stood up on them to announce himself, "Before you is the one who serves the retired emperor Goshirakawa, the General of the Genji army, and kebiishi-no-jō. I am Minamoto no Yoshitsune!" The way he exclaimed his name to show dignity truly suited the attitude of an honorable general, and I still can remember the scene vividly.

# Fellow Fisherman

Then at the responding challenge came from the Heike side, a war boat rowed close to the shore. Heike warriors disembarked on the beach and awaited the enemy on the land, then

# Old Fisherman

some fifty warriors on horseback dashed to attack the Heike warriors from the Genji side. Among the Genji warriors was the one identifying himself as Mionoya no Shirō, who assaulted a Heike warrior first.

# Fellow Fisherman

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Fellow Fisherman

Kagekiyo followed him, and

Old Fisherman

he grabbed the shikoro (a protector of a helmet to protect neck) of Mionoya's helmet.

Fellow Fisherman

As Kagekiyo pulled Mionoya back, then Mionoya too

Old Fisherman

pulled forward to escape.

Fellow Fisherman

Eiya! They were pulling each other.

Old Fisherman

With all their might,

Reciters

the neck protector was plucked away from the helmet. The two warriors jumped away to two sides. Seeing this battle scene, General Yoshitsune rode his horse to the edge of the water. Then, Satō Tsuginobu, who stepped forward to protect Yoshitsune, was pierced by an arrow shot by a Heike warrior, Noto-no-kami Noritsune. Tsuginobu fell from his horse. On the Heike side, Kikuō, a dear liege man of Taira no Noritsune, was killed on a boat. Perhaps because both Genji and Heike clans were pained by these two deaths, the Heike on the boats pulled away far offshore, and the Genji on land withdrew to their armed camp. With the ebbing tide, both armies distantly parted. No battle cries were heard anymore. Only the voice of the wind blowing through pines coming to the beach remained.

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# 4. Old Fisherman Disappears

Since the monk wonders about the lively description of the old fisherman's war story, he asks the fisherman's name. The old man implies that he is the ghost of Yoshitsune and disappears.

How mysterious! This fisherman's story includes such vivid detail. Reciters Would you please give me your name?

Old Fisherman

How can I give out my name. I am not a person who is giving his name in an ancient poem, "In Asakura, when I stayed in the Konomaru Palace, ..." So, I will not give it out.

Truly, the old man, who seems discreet from his words, Reciters

Old Fisherman

talks about the past.

This very moment is Reciters

Old Fisherman

when a spring day breaks

and tide ebbs. Soon the time of agony in the realm of asura will come. Reciters At that moment, I will give out my name. Whether I reveal my identity or not, don't awaken me from the dream in this perpetually unstable world, Yoshitsune (perpetual), just like my name.

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# 5. Dialogue between Monk and Villager in Yashima

A villager in Yashima appears and listens to the old fisherman's story from the monk. He describes the battle at Yashima once again, tells the group of the monk that the old man must be the ghost of Yoshitsune, and leaves after recommending them to console Yoshitsune's soul.

# 6. Prayer by Monks and Their Waiting for Dream

The monk is astonished that the old man with whom he talked was the ghost of Yoshitsune and the monk waits to see the ghost in a dream once more.

Monk How mysterious it was when I asked the old man's name, and as I waited

his reply, I thought I heard a voice saying that I should not disturb "the

dreamy mind of Yoshitsune's (perpetual) world."

Just as an old man's voice matures, the night matures, and the wind in Monks

> the bay blows hard. Resting our heads on pine roots, we listen to the sound and ruminate while lying on moss. We await the ghost who will

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# 7. Yoshitsune's Entrance and His Story

The monk is surprised at and talks to the ghost of Yoshitsune, who appears in armor. The ghost identifies himself as Yoshitsune and describes the battle at Yashima and furthermore the story of how he dropped his bow in the sea.

Yoshitsune Falling flowers never return to the branch. Broken mirror never reflects the sunshine. However, my obsession still remains, my spirit turned out to be a demon who returns to the human world to torture myself and go into battles of asura. How deep my karma is!

Monk Mysterious! Checking by my pillow to see if day will soon break, I find a man who wears an armor and helmet. Could you be the General Yoshitsune?

Yoshitsune Yes, I am the ghost of Minamoto no Yoshitsune, obsessed with my own anger and floating between waves in the western sea, sinking into the water of painful reincarnation.

Monk Alas, foolishly it is your wondering mind that shows you the sea of life and death. The moon of enlightenment illuminates.

Yoshitsune Tonight the sky is cloudless even in spring and it clears my mind. In the nocturnal sky,

You remember the past as if it were just happening. Monk

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The place Monk

Yoshitsune never allows me to forget the battles.

I remember that I shot an arrow of zelkova in the battle at Yashima. In Reciters the evenings with the moon, I turn into the form as I was and return here once again. Although I was never lost in the path of arms, I am wandering between the ocean and land of life and death. It is hard to leave. I left my grudge in this place, Yashima. On this evening caught by deep obsession, we shall talk about my past like a dream. Talk about my life like a dream.

Ah, how unforgettable it is, this attractive world. Although he left this Reciters world a long time ago, Yoshitsune appears in the world of dreams at night to show the world of asura.

Yoshitsune What I remember is the old spring. On that night, the moon shone sharply as it does tonight.

The beach where he saw the moon was here. Both Genji and Heike Reciters armies strung arrows to prepare to shoot. The Heike organized in a convoy while the horseback warriors of the Genji aligned and drove into the ocean. They kept pace and wet their bridles to fight against the Heike.

Yoshitsune Then, what an accident! I, General Yoshitsune, dropped my bow in the sea, and it floated away on the waves.

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夢物語をしよう。 れることが できず、この八島に恨みを残してい 夢物語をしよう る。 とに か 執着が深く残る夜に

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The tide was just ebbing. As he saw his bow floated far away, Reciters

Yoshitsune I let my horse swim to prevent enemies from snatching my bow. Then, I drove closer to enemy's boats.

The Heike found him! Their boats approached Yoshitsune and tried to Reciters catch him with their rakes. Yoshitsune was almost caught,

Yoshitsune but I slashed at their rakes, finally got my bow back, and returned to the beach. Then,

Kanefusa told him with tears, "What reckless behavior! I am referring Reciters to a man in the camp at Watanabe who is called Kajiwara no Kagetoki. Even though you may spend a fortune for such a bow, how can it be substituted for your life?" General Yoshitsune, who heard this, responded, "No, I didn't value the bow."

I, Yoshitsune, never value my life in the battles with the Heike. Reciters However, I have not achieved even half of the fame as a warrior that I hope for. Under such circumstances, if this bow is taken and the enemy laughs at me as a poor archer, it would be a great disgrace. Even if I am beaten due to the event, I will not regret it. I just think this is the end of Yoshitsune's luck as warrior. However, so long as fortune favors me, I will never let my foe touch my bow. The military renown that Yoshitsune achieved by regaining his dropped bow will become legendary for generations to come. Hearing his speech, Kanefusa and even the other warriors were deeply impressed and shed tears.

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運が 5 0 0 あ 弱 志 7 61  $\overline{O}$ は 61 射手だ 武 平 ばほ 名こそ  $\dot{O}$ は仕方 と言 どに b わ 末代までの が n 達 て弓を敵 たら、 自 な 分を顧 それ 語り に渡 み 61 すま 0 こそ無念なことである。 武 そん 運もこれ なることでは な は らときに、 そ 度も までと思うま な気持ちで流 ے な 0 弓 たとえそれ を敵 か され と話され に 取 た弓を取 か 5 が でに 武 た 0 対討ち 義経

Yoshitsune Wise man will never muddle.

Brave man will never fear. It is because such courage as this phrase Reciters says. Yoshitsune valued his bow because he valued the reputation. Since he did not value his life and cast himself away in front of the foe, he could save his reputation as a warrior in history. It will become a feat of valor to be recorded for the future.

# 8. His Battle in the Realm of Asura

The ghost of Yoshitsune faces battles in the world of asura. While he describes fierce battles on the ocean, day breaks. The monk awakes from the dream, and the ghost fades away.

Yoshitsune Ah, again. I hear the battle cries in the world of the asura.

The zing of arrows can again be heard too. The noises resounds almost Reciters shaking the world!

[kakeri]

Movements to depict the suffering from battles in the realm of asura, with instrumental music.

Yoshitsune Who is my foe in the fight of asura today? Oh, it's Noto-no-kami Noritsune. How imposing! I know your skills. You remind me of the battle at Dannoura.

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[カケリ]

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Yashima Story

It is the ancient battle on the ocean. Returning to this world once

again, the ocean and mountain filled with life tremble. The battle cry

is given from the boat.

Yoshitsune Shields covers the land, just like the swells of the sea.

The moon brightly shines Reciters

Yoshitsune with the light of swords.

Reflected in the tide are

Yoshitsune the metallic stars on our helmets.

Reciters

The wave of clouds is undistinguishable from the sea and sky. We hit and stab each other in the clouds and rise and fall with the tactics of the battle on boats. While occupied with the battle, a spring day dawns with faint light from between the waves. That which seemed to be the enemy was a flock of seagulls. The voices heard as battle cries were the whizzing of the wind traveling over the bay. Everything returns in the morning storm, blowing through the tall pine trees on the beach.

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### Yashima

# **Synopsis**

A retinue of monks which has traveled from Kyoto to Shikoku enters Sanuki Province and visits an old battlefield, Yashima Bay, where the Genji and Heike clans fought. As dusk gathers, they meet an old fisherman who is on his way home to his salt-baking hut on the beach. The old man once declines the request of the monk to offer them overnight lodging as it is a shabby hut. However, because the old man misses the capital city, he changes his mind and offers them lodging when he hears that the group has traveled from Kyoto. Encouraged by the traveling monk, the old man starts to vividly depict the battle fought between the Genji and Heike clans. He describes the bravery of the General Minamoto no Yoshitsune and the famous battle in which two warriors pulled each other grabbing the other's helmet neck protector. When the wondering monk asks the old man's name, he implies that he is the ghost of Yoshitsune and disappears.

When the monk naps while he waits a dream in the middle of the night, the ghost of Yoshitsune appears in armor and helmet. The ghost mentions that although he managed to drop his bow in the ocean during the battle at Yashima, he did not hold his life dear and put him at risk before his enemies to grab the bow and save his reputation. While he further describes life in the realm of *asura* where he is driven to fierce battles, the day starts to break. The monk awakens from the dream, and the ghost of Yoshitsune disappears in the white waves, voices of seagulls, and winds blowing on the beach.

# Highlight

Minamoto no Yoshitsune, the highly-favored historic figure, is the leading character of this drama. He appears as a master warrior who descended into the realm of *asura* after his death. The world of *asura* is the place where wars and conflicts continuously occur, based on the cosmic view of Buddhism that creatures are incarnated in six different worlds. One of the six worlds is that of *asura* where the person who fought wars in life descends and suffers from being forced into endless fighting. While "Yashima" describes daunting and vivid war scenes, it mingles the bloody scenes with a beautiful scenery of long, peaceful spring night and the passing of time from evening gloom with the hazy moon to clear, brisk dawn. The settings in this story stand out vividly.

This drama is classified into *kachi-shura*(*-mono*), in which the leading character expresses the victory of war and bravery, strength, and strictness are consistently described throughout the drama. Entangled with these elements are various emotions, including a *samurai* spirit, which a man is willing to risk his life for fame. All these elements together create the unique atmosphere of this drama.

Schools All five. The Hosho, Komparu, Kongoh, and Kita schools use the Chinese characters "Ya (eight) shima

(islands)" while Kanze school uses "Ya (house) shima (islands)."

Category the second group Noh, shuramono

Author Zeami

Subject The Tale of the Heike, volume 11, "Osaka goe no koto," "Tsuginobu saigo no koto" and "Yumi-nagashi no

koto."

Season Spring (March)

Scenes Yashima in Sanuki Province

Characters *Mae-shite* (lead part for the first half of drama)

Tsure (companion of lead part for the first half of drama)

Nochi-shite (lead part for the second half of drama)

Waki (supporting role)

Waki-tsure (companions of waki)

Ai (interluding role)

Old fisherman Fellow fisherman

Minamoto no Yoshitsune

Traveling monk

Following monks (two or three) Villager living in Yashima Bay

Masks Mae-shite Asakurajō, Waraijō, or Sankōjō

Nochi-shite Heida or Imawaka

Costumes Mae-Shite jō-kami (wig for old man's character), mizugoromo (a type of knee-length kimono),

kitsuke / noshime-style kimono without patterns, koshimino, koshi-obi (belt), a fan,

and a fishing pole.

Nochi-shite nashi-uchieboshi (eboshi-style headdress for warriors), kuro-tare (a black wig with hair

extending slightly longer than the shoulder), a white headband,

awase-happi (lined happi-style kimono), kitsuke / dan-atsuita (thickly woven kosode type of kimono with very wide stripes), hanqiri (a type of hakama), koshi-obi, a fan, and a sword.

Waki sumi-bōshi (a hood for regular Buddhist monks), mizuqoromo, kitsuke / noshime-style kimono

without patterns, koshi-obi, a fan, and Buddhist prayer beads.

Tsure mizugoromo, kitsuke / noshime-style kimono without patterns, koshimino, koshi-obi, a fan,

and a fishing pole.

Waki-tsure Similar to waki

Number of scenes Two

Length About 1 hour and 35 minutes

### 八島/屋島(やしま)

### あらすじ

都から四国へ旅をしてきた旅僧一行は、讃岐の国に入り、源平の古戦場、八島の浦を訪れます。夕闇迫る頃、一行は、浜の塩焼き小屋の主である老いた漁師の帰途に出会います。一夜の宿を請う旅僧の求めを、老翁は侘び住まいのゆえ、いったん断ります。しかし、一行が都から来たと聞くや、懐かしんで宿を貸してくれました。旅僧に促され、往時の合戦を語り始めた老翁は、義経の勇猛ぶりや錣引きの戦いなどを、見てきたかのように活き活きと描きます。不思議に思った僧が名を尋ねると、老翁は義経の亡霊であることをほのめかし、姿を消しました。

夜半に僧が夢待ちをしていると、鎧兜を纏った義経の亡霊が現れます。 義経の亡霊は、八島の合戦で不覚にも弓を流してしまったが、みずから の名を汚すものかと命を惜しまず、敵の眼前に身をさらして取り戻した ことを語りました。さらに、修羅道の凄まじい戦いに駆られる様子を見 せるうちに夜が明けて、僧の夢は覚め、白波、鴎の声、浦吹く風に化し て亡霊は消えていきました。

# みどころ

史上に人気の高い義経が主人公で、死後に修羅道に堕ちた武将として 現れます。修羅道は仏教の六道輪廻の宇宙観で、絶えず戦いや争いが 行われる世界とされています。生前に戦をした者が死後に堕ち、常に戦 いを強いられる苦しみを受けるといわれてきました。「八島」は、勇猛で 生々しい戦いの様子を描きつつも、それを春の長閑な一夜の美しい景色、 宵闇の朧月から冴えわたる晴天の暁方まで移り行く時のなかに含ませて、 情景がくっきりと際立つ物語に仕立てられています。

この曲は、主人公が勝利の戦いを表し、勇敢さ、強さ、厳しさに貫かれる勝修羅(物)と呼ばれる種類の能です。そこに、名のために身命を賭す侍の心意気など多彩な情緒が絡み、独特の雰囲気が醸し出されます。

流儀 五流にあり。宝生・金春・金剛・喜多は「八島」、観世は「屋島」

分類 二番目物、修羅物

作者 世阿弥

題材 平家物語 巻十一「大坂越えのこと」「継信最期のこと」「弓流しのこと」

季節 春(3月) 場面 讃岐の国八島

登場人物 前シテ 老漁夫

ツレ 漁夫

後シテ 源義経

ワキ 旅僧

ワキツレ 従僧2~3人

アイ 八島の浦人

面 前シテ 朝倉尉、笑尉、三光尉など

後シテ 平太、今若

装束 前シテ 尉髪、水衣、着付・無地熨斗目、腰蓑、腰帯、扇。釣竿。

後シテ 梨子打烏帽子、黒垂、白鉢巻、袷法被、着付・段厚板、半切り、腰帯、

扇。太刀。

ワキ 角帽子、水衣、着付・無地熨斗目、腰帯、扇、数珠。

ツレ 水衣、着付・無地熨斗目、腰蓑、腰帯、扇、釣竿。

ワキツレ ワキに準じる。

場数 二場

上演時間 約1時間35分

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