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An Embarrassing Situation

- (1) Last Monday morning, a 55 year old Japanese woman was relaxing alone in a tranquil hot spring in northern Japan.
- (2) She had just finished trekking in the mountains when she finally reached the hot springs.
- (3) Since there was no one around, she selfishly enjoyed the hot spring by herself.
- (4) She stripped off her clothes, set them on a nearby boulder, and quickly entered the natural spring.
- (5) It was so soothing she shut her eyes and soaked in the warm water.
- (6) After some time she did not notice her clothes had disappeared.
- (7) She was worried that someone had been snooping on her.
- (8) She was frightened and upset.
- (9) Suddenly, she saw two young monkeys fighting over her clothes.
- (10) She was at a loss about what to do.
- (11) She decided it would be impossible to retrieve her clothes from these wild animals.
- (12) Being patient she was determined to wait for another person to enter the hot spring to ask for help.
- (13) Finally a couple came to her rescue and she could borrow some of their clothes, and warned that monkeys might steal their clothing, too.

語注

- (1) tranquil 静かな
- (4) boulder 大きな丸石
- (5) soothing なだめる、和らげる soak 浸る、つかる
- (6) disappear 見えなくなる
- (7) snoop こそこそのぞき回る
- (8) frightened おびえる upset 取り乱す
- (10) be at a loss 途方にくれている、困っている
- (11) retrieve 取り戻す
- (12) determined 決心して