

Regret and Remorse ②



I couldn't get my grandmother out.

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I am running away leaving my grandmother behind. Without answering her, I had only a second to get out. I should have at least answered her. It's so sad I never wanted to tell anyone this story.



"I don't care if I die, just give me water!"

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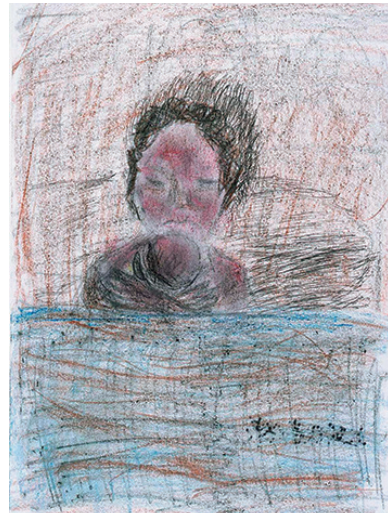
"Water! Water! Water! Water, please!" Voices reverberated through the brick building. The faces of the junior high boys and girls lined up on the floor all looked the same. They had swollen like balloons, their eyes narrowed to slits.



Why did I not break the tomato in half before I gave it to her?

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④Riverbank at Kan-on-machi

I gave the girl screaming, "Please give me water!" a hard, green tomato. Her lips were white and peeling. I didn't see how she could open her mouth. The skin on the fingers of both hands was stuck together. With those hands and those lips, how could she suck the juice out of that hard tomato?



A woman trying to say something

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Holding her seemingly dead infant in her arms, a woman about 30 years old was saying something repeatedly. I talked to her that I would pass her word, but she had apparently lost her sight and hearing, and I could do nothing further. I think she must have died that day.