

- The Prodigal Son (Part 1) -

Two **brothers**, / John and Mike, / grew up in America. // John studied hard, / **graduated** from Harvard, / and became a **partner** at his father's **law firm**.// Mike, however, went **abroad** / after high school / and partied in Venice, Athens, and Istanbul. // Mike was a **big spender**, / always **surrounded** himself with pretty girls, / and he always dressed in the **height of fashion ...** / until his father cut off his **allowance**.//

Mike spent / half of the entire **family fortune!** // His father told him / that the other half was John's, / and John would not send Mike anything. // Mike, now alone / in Istanbul with no money, / had to work to eat, / but he could only get a job / to feed pigs **slop**. // When there was an **economic recession**, / he was so poor and hungry / that even the slop looked **tasty**. // Then he remembered / that **errand boys** and **janitors** / were payed well / at his father's firm.// Mike decided to go back, / apologize, and ask for work, / not as a son, / but just like anyone else.//

To be continued...

2人兄弟 / ジョンとマイクは / アメリカで育った// ジョンは一生懸命勉強して / ハーバードを卒業し / 父親の法律事務所のパートナーになった// しかし、マイクは海外に行き / 高校卒業後 / ベニス、アテネ、イスタンブールでパーティをした// マイクは大金持ちだった (大金を使う男だった) / それにいつも自分自身をきれいな女性で囲まっていた// さらに、彼はいつも流行の最先端の服を着ていた... / 父親が小遣いを止めるまでは。//

マイクは使ってしまった / 一家の全財産の半分を!// 父親が言うには / 残りの半分はジョンのもので / ジョンはマイクに何も送ることはなかった// マイクは今や独りぼっちだ / イスタンブールで、一文無しで / 食べるために働かなければならなかった / しかし彼が唯一出来る仕事は / 豚に飼料を与えることだった// 不景気になると / 彼はとても貧しく、空腹なので / 豚の餌さえおいしそうに見えた// そのとき彼は思い出した / 使い走りや用務員は / 高給取りだった / 父の会社では// マイクは戻ることを決心した / 謝り、仕事を頼むことにした / 息子としてではなく / 他の人たちと同じように//

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Vocabulary and Phrases

△prodigal	放蕩な (遊んでばかりな)	allowance	お小遣い / 仕送り
graduate	卒業する	family fortune	家財 / 一家の財産
partner	仲間、相棒、共同経営者	slop	豚の餌
law firm	法律事務所	economic	経済的な
abroad	海外	recession	不景気 / 後退
big spender	大金持ち (いっぱいお金を使うひと)	tasty	おいしい
surround	囲む	errand boy	使い走り
height of fashion	流行の最先端	janitor	用務員

Total Number of words used

: 163 words

Time for 100 wpm

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Time for 120 wpm

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Your BEST TIME

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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Mike spent half of the _____ family fortune! His father told him that the _____ was John's, and John would not send Mike anything. Mike, now alone in Istanbul with no money, had to work to eat, but he could _____ a job _____ pigs slop. When there was an economic _____, he was so poor and _____ that even the slop looked tasty. Then he _____ that errand boys and janitors were payed well at his father's firm. Mike decided to go back, _____, and ask for work, not as a son, but just like _____ else.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What did Mike do while abroad?

Question 2: Why does Mike become alone?

Question 3: What do you want to do if you go abroad?

Ask 1: 答えが「height of fashion」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Istanbul についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1:

Party, spend half his father's money, and get a job feeding pigs.

Sample Answer 2:

Because he no longer has money.

Sample Answer 3:

Eat pizza/ cliff jumping/ shopping/ go to a museum/ become king or queen/ etc...

Sample Question 1: How did Mike dress before becoming poor?

Sample Question 2: Where is Istanbul? / What is there to do in Istanbul? /
How many pigs are there in Istanbul? / etc...

Sample Question 3: Why was Mike allowed to spend so much money? /
Why did the father give half of his money to John? /