**Code Geass: Lost Colors**

*SF000-Public Park-Ohg*

**Length: 1 time period**

**Day Time(s): Morning (朝)**

**Location: (Tokyo) Public Park (公園)**

**Characters: Ohgi**

Location: Settlement Park

租界の公園ではイレヴンたちの姿も多く

見られる。租界のブリタニア人たちを

相手にした露店商などが多い。

*Many Elevens could be seen in this park within the settlement as well. There were many stall-holders who served and worked for the Britannians in the settlement.*

アイスキャンディーなどはやはり子供に

人気があるようだ。

*As expected, it seemed that ice cream was popular with the kids*

「ん……？」

**Rai:** Hmm…?

「……」

**Man (Ohgi):** …

背の高いイレヴンの男がアイス売りの

露店商と言葉を交わしている。

*A tall Eleven man was speaking with the stall-holder that was selling ice cream.*

やがて、アイスも買わずに歩き去った。

*Eventually, he walked away without buying any ice cream.*

なんとなく、場違いな雰囲気。

*Somehow, he had an out-of-place atmosphere.*

僕も、アイスという気分でもないので、

露店を素通りして進んだ。

*I also didn’t feel like having any ice cream, so I passed by the street stall without stopping and moved on.*

Location: Settlement Park (Street Stall)

今度はタコヤキという、イレヴンの屋台

食が店を出していた。ブリタニア人も

物珍しさで買ったりするようだ。

*This time, I came up to an Eleven takoyaki stand. It seemed that Britannians also bought them out of curiosity.*

「……」

**Man (Ohgi):** …

また、あの男が居た。今度は店主から

なにか紙切れを受け取ったようだ。

そしてすぐに歩き去る。

*There was that man again. This time he appeared to receive a slip of paper from the stall-holder. And then, he immediately walked away.*

もしかしたら、この辺りの露店商をとり

まとめている人物だろうか？

*Was he perhaps someone that collected from the stall-holders around here?*

なんとなくその後ろ姿が気になって目で

追ってしまう。

*His back figure was somehow worrying as I followed it with my eyes.*

「あんた、アッシュフォード学園の学生

　さんだろ？」

**Takoyaki Seller:** You there, you’re a student from Ashford Academy, right?

タコヤキ屋の主人に声をかけられた。

妙にひとなつこい笑顔を向けてくる。

*The employee at the takoyaki stand had called out to me. He was giving me a strangely friendly smile.*

「ああ、そうだけど……」

**Rai:** Yes, I am, but…

「どうだいひとつ食っていくかい？

　これでもアッシュフォードの学生さん

　には御贔屓さんが多いんだよ」

**Takoyaki Seller:** How about it, do you want to eat one? Though it looks like this, many Ashford students come to this stall as customers.

「いや、僕は……」

**Rai:** No, I…

「しかも、あそこの学生さんが今度、

　学園祭で店を出すから、弟子入り

　したいとか言ってきててさ

**Takoyaki Seller:** Moreover, a student from there told me, since stalls will be opening there during the next school festival, they’d wish I would become a student there.

　嬉しいこと言ってくれるねぇ。

　今日は俺も機嫌がいいから、

　サービスしとくよ、おごりだ」

**Takoyaki Seller:** Hearing them say that made me really happy. Since I’m also in a good mood today, I’ll give you a special service, my treat.

矢継ぎ早に話しかけてきた店主は、

なかば強引にタコヤキとやらを

一包、僕に受け取らせた。

*As he talked rapidly, the stall-holder half-forcibly handed me a package containing several takoyaki.*

好奇心も手伝って、

僕はタコヤキを口にしてみた。

*Since I was also partly curious, I tried eating one of the takoyaki.*

「どうだい、味の方は？」

**Takoyaki Seller:** How does it taste?

アッシュフォード学園の世話になって

から口にした食事とは、かなり系統の

違う味付けだった。

*It had a considerably different flavor from the food I had eating since coming under the care of Ashford Academy.*

外はパリッと、中はフワッと。

その香ばしい食感も、新鮮だ。

*The outside was crunchy, while the inside was soft. Its savory texture was also fresh.*

「……うまい」

**Rai:** …Delicious.

「だろう。気に入ったなら、また

　食べにきてくれよな！」

**Takoyaki Seller:** Right? If you like it, please come eat here again!

「……気が向いたら、な」

**Rai:** …If I feel like it, sure.

さっきの男をもう一度探すが、

既に公園を行き来する人々に紛れて

見つけることは出来なかった。

I tried to look for the man from before, but he had already slipped into the mass of people coming and going through the park, and it was impossible to find him.

「……」

**Rai:** …

すっかり店主のペースに巻き込まれて

しまったようだ。まるで、あの男を

逃がすかのような態度であったが。

*It seemed like I had been completely caught up in the stall-holder’s pace. His behavior had been as if he was trying to let that man get away.*

あの男には、なにか

秘密があるのだろうか……。

I wonder if that man had some kind of secret…

Scene End