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"No," replied he, "I have reflected day and night for a long time over this idea; I have nothing else to think about it. Moreover, as to this shop which is worth only just about one thousand ryo, I have not received a single sen of help from any relation or friend; it is entirely the work of my own hands, and therefore, there is no need to consult with any one. If you agree to my proposal, that is enough; henceforth, I am ready to proceed on my pilgrimage to Paradise."

Surely, Heizo could not say no to such a pressing offer?

Oh no; as this earnest request left no way of escape, Heizo could not help accepting it, and he said: "As you are so determined, I can not possibly say no. So then, from today, I will regard you as my real father. Notwithstanding my inability, I

will take it on me to manage the shop and will work
as hard as I can: be sure of that."

St. Klaimine. St.
1st grade. St.

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