¹ 不吉な星、土星が、僕の人生を支配している……?

- ² いや、**まってほしい**。
- 3 彼女の話は、<u>現実的</u>ではない。 4 僕は せんせいじゅつ かんぜん しん 占星術を完全に信じているわけではないのだ。 5 大 昔、人は星を見て、運命を**知ろう**と努力 し、その過程で天文学という学問が生まれたと 聞く。 6 でも、それは遠い昔のこと。 7 占星術 が、天文学の母親だとするなら、今はもう、科学 という名の子どもは完全に自立し、**産みの親**を殺してしまったのだ。 8 僕にはそう**おもえる**。 9 だ から、そうかんたんに、信じる、**なんて**ことは できない。
 - 10 でも、椎名は真剣な**目をして**いた。
 - 11 彼女はどこまでも占星術を信じている。
- 12 僕の運命さえも、ねじまげることが、できるのだ**と**。
- 13 死の 象 徴、土星を、どうにかすることで、 $^{\circ}$ く

Text

- まってほしい: Literally "I want you to wait." The ~てほしい form of request is more insistent and direct than ~てください or ~てもらえませんか.
- 知ろう: Not "let's know" in this case. The volitional ~よう verb form often shows will or intent:
 - 例 本を**取ろう**と手を伸ば す reach for a book
 - 例 手術を**受けよう**と考え る consider having surgery
- 産みの親: a biological parent; or, the founder or originator.
- おもえる: see, regard (also in lesson #10).
- なんて: emphasizes the impossibility of "believing so easily"
 - 例 社長になる**なんて**、私に は絶対無理だ。There's no way at all I could be a company president.
- 目をする: to have a look in one's eyes. Similarly:
 - 例 うれしそうな**顔をする** wear a delighted look
 - 例 彼は父親と似た**声をし** ている。He has a voice like his father's.
- と: Marks thought: in this case, what Shiina believes. The omitted verb is 信じている from the end of sentence #11.

- ¹ Saturn, the unlucky star, is controlling my life?
 - ² Something's not right here.
- ³ What she's saying isn't realistic. ⁴ It's not as if I believe everything about astrology. ⁵ I hear that long ago, people tried to discover their fate by watching the stars, and from that process the study of astronomy was born. ⁶ But those days are long since gone. ⁷ If astrology is the mother of astronomy, then today the child called Science has by now gained complete independence and killed its ancestor. ⁸ This is how I see it. ⁹ So I can't just simply believe in it.
 - ¹⁰ But Shiina's eyes tell me she's serious.
 - ¹¹ Whatever astrology may say, she believes.
- ¹² That she can alter the course of things—even my destiny.
- ¹³ That by doing something about Saturn, the symbol of death, I'll be saved.

14 「たとえば、太陽系が誕生するとき、土星を破壊**しておく**というのはどうでしょう? 15 そうすれば、先輩のホロスコープから、土星が消えている**はず**……」

- 16 本気で言ってるのか?
- 17 もちろん、彼女は本気の目だった。
- 18「過去にさかのぼってそうする**には**、私の 意識の腕が、時間を越えられる場所、つまり、 「時間の地平線」のむこうまで行く<u>ひつようが あります。19 そこから土星を狙って、高重力 の天体を撃ち出すのです。20 でも、**実行は**しませんでした。21 **なぜなら**、土星を破壊すると、 【土曜日】まで消えてしまう 可能性があったから……。</u>

²² そうです。²³ 【土曜日】です。²⁴ 【土曜日】 が、なくなっちゃうかもしれないんです……。

- しておく: the ~ておく form shows the action is done to obtain a future result: in this case, the action in sentence #14 is done for the result in sentence #15.
- はず: shows expectation or assumption on the part of the speaker.

には: (after a verb) in order to (also in lesson #11).

- 実行は: the は here adds a delicate inflection and shows that while she may have done other things (such as considering the plan in sentence #19), when it came to actually carrying it out, she didn't.
- なぜなら: literally, "assuming 'why?"". なぜかと言うと ("if you ask why") is a common equivalent.

¹⁴ "For instance, what if I destroy Saturn at the time of the Solar System's formation? ¹⁵ If I do that, Saturn should disappear from your horoscope...."

- ¹⁶ Does she really mean that?
- 17 Of course the look in her eyes said she does.

18 "In order to step back into the past and do that, it's necessary for the reach of my thoughts to go beyond the place where they can surpass time: the Temporal Horizon. 19 From there I could launch supermassive objects in Saturn's direction. 20 But I stopped short of carrying this out. 21 Because if I had destroyed Saturn, there was a possibility Saturday would also disappear....

²² "That's right. ²³ Saturday. ²⁴ Saturday might vanish completely....

25 現在の週や曜日の概念は、**紀元前**一世紀 頃に完成したそうです。26 その当時、太陽と月、 ちきゅう かんせい 地球をのぞいた水星から土星までの七個の星 が、一時間**ごとに**地上を守護しているとかんが えられていました。27 それが曜日という概念の はじまりです。

28 もし、土星を破壊すれば、一週間は六日になり、土星から名前をもらった、【土曜日】という概念も消える可能性がある。 29 私と先輩が最初に出会い、話をするようになった、【土曜日】のオールナイト上映も、なかったことになる……。 30 私たちは、会わなかったことになるのです……」

- ³¹ なるほど……。
- 32 曜日が減る可能性については、**納得しても**いい。
- 33 神秘の範疇ではなく、天文学と歴史に関っているからだ。

- 紀元前: B.C. 紀元後 is A.D., but is often omitted unless it is needed to resolve ambiguity (as in English).
 - 例 紀元前150年150B.C.
 - 例 **紀元後**3世紀 the third century A.D.

ごとに: every, each

- 例 3年ごとに一回 once every three years
- 例 世代**ごとに**分類される be classified by generation
- 例 機会ある**ごとに** with each opportunity
- なかったことになる: literally, "it will reach a state of not having existed". This can be made transitive by changing なる to する:
 - 例 全てをなかったことにす る pretend nothing ever happened
 - 例 聞かなかったことにする pretend one didn't hear a thing
- 納得してもいい: literally "it's OK to be satisfied". A very common phrase according to t3h Google. Often used in the sense of, "there's an acceptable reason/solution in front of one, so it's not necessary to press for something more."

²⁵ "The modern concept of the week and its days is said to have been set up sometime around the first century B.C. ²⁶ At the time, it was thought that seven stars—the Sun, Moon, and Mercury through Saturn, minus the Earth—guarded the land in hour-long intervals. ²⁷ That was the origin of the idea of the days of the week.

²⁸ "If I were to destroy Saturn, there's a chance that a week would become six days long, and the idea of Saturday, which took its name from Saturn, would disappear. ²⁹ That all-night film marathon on Saturday, the night I first met you and started to talk with you, would be as though it had never happened.... ³⁰ It would be as though we had never met...."

- 31 So that's why....
- ³² I can accept what she says about the chance of losing a day of the week.
- ³³ Since it's not in the realm of the mystic, but based on a consideration of astronomy and history.

Vocabulary

Beginner

1 人生

4 完全な perfect, whole, complete

life

7 **母親** mother

⁷ 自立する gain independence, set

out on one's own

10 真剣な serious, earnest

¹³ 救う save, rescue

16 本気 sure, certain, serious

19 狙う aim (for), target

²⁴ 無くなる go away, disappear

26 地上 land, ground

³² 減る diminish

Intermediate

¹ 支配する control, rule, dominate

³ 現実的な realistic

⁵ 努力する try, make an effort

⁵ 過程 process

5 学問 learning, academics

⁷ 殺す kill

¹⁴ 破壊する destroy

¹⁸ 必要な necessary, important

execution, performance

21 可能性 possibility, chance

25 世紀 century

25 完成する complete, finish

23 神秘 mystery, arcanum

Advanced

⁵ 天文学 astronomy

12 捩じ曲げる twist, contort

18 さかのぼ go back (in time)

19 重 力 gravity

19 天体 (astronomical) object

25 概念 notion, concept, idea

25 紀元 focal point of the Grego-

rian calendar, Year 0

33 範疇 categorization, taxonomy

33 考察 consideration, discussion