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Tokyo Likes You

*Tokyo is said to be
a cold, indifferent city
full of bustling
and busy people
crammed into subway cars
and ramen joints
indifferent to the strange
with no time
for the now
and no hope for the weary.*

*I have found
if you take the time
to walk Tokyo's grind,
to let yourself
become a blood cell
in the veins of
the city's streets,
you can find yourself
a part of something
warm
effervescent
and utterly human.*

*And you can reach out
take the city's hand
shake it
and discover that
underneath it all,
you foreign thing,
Tokyo likes you.*

Photographed in Tokyo, Japan in April, 2012, September and October, 2013, and October and November, 2015.

Kid stuff outside Yamashiroya
Ueno, April 2012





Companions outside a free clinic
Kiyokawa, April 2012



Friendly youth
Nakano Station, September 2013



Dad and daughter
Nakano 5-chome, September 2013

Mom and babe
Nakano Station, September 2013





Advertising a fugu restaurant
Nakano Station, September 2013

Late night/early morning restaurant clean-up
Nakano, September 2013





Friendly fellow
Nakano Central Park, September 2013



Mischievous schoolboy
Nakano Central Park, September 2013



Patron at a Nihonzutsumi izakaya
September 2013



Near Tokyo Sky Tree
September 2013



The helmet of a Yushima street repairs professional
September 2013

A trash-collection superhero
Nakano Station, September 2013





A white suit and calm gaze
Nakano Station, September 2013

A kid outside a Ministop
Nakano 5-chome, September 2013





A big dog for Tokyo
Akasaka, September 2013



Happy on the curb
Nihonzutsumi, September 2013



A nice lady and her restaurant
Nakano Broadway, October 2013



A patron at Seoul Izakaya
Nihonzutsumi, October 2013



The chef and bartender at an outdoor izakaya
Kiyokawa, October 2013

The chef/owner cooks in his wonderful Restaurant Enchanté
Araki-cho, Shinjuku, October 2013





Street performers
Asakusa, October 2013



Some happy fellows at Kamiya Bar
Asakusa, October 2013



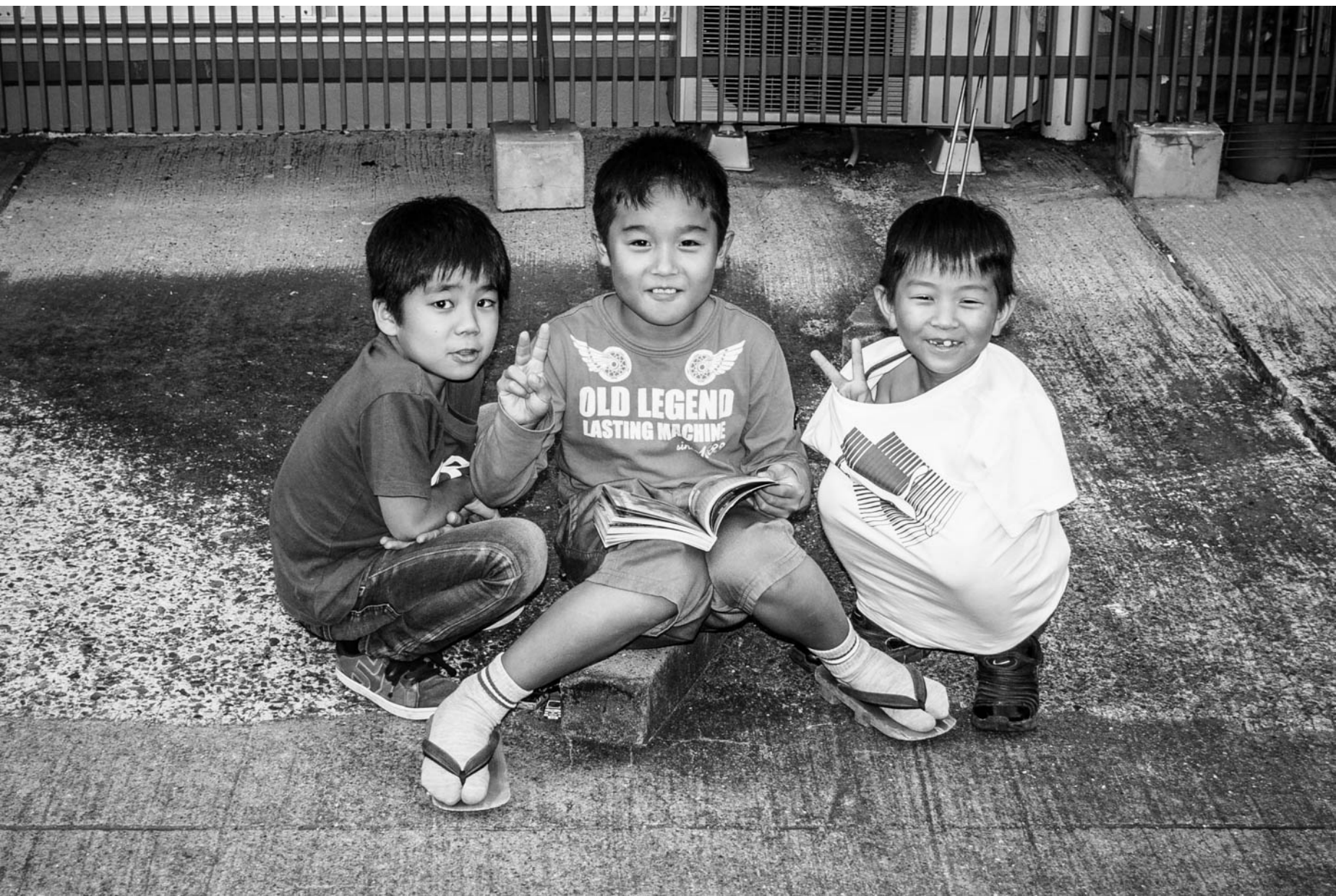
In a laundromat
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015

A laid-back man practicing golf in the street
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015





On a break for a coffee and a smoke
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



Photogenic boys
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



The end of a shopping trip
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



On a delivery break
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



In his fabrication space
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



Stylish young women at lunchtime
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



A cool kid in early evening
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015

Taking a break behind an izakaya
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015





Very attractive Waldos
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



Izakaya street marketing
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015



Street smoke
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015

The manager of a recycle shop
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015





Lovely people outside their small Tokyo bar
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015

She was telling me she used to live in Australia
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015





A fun guy with punk style
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015

Neighborly
Nakano 5-chome, October 2015





Restaurant promotion on Halloween
Nakano Station, October 2015



Dressed up to advertise
Nakano Station, October 2015



Serious about the cowboy Halloween costume
Ueno Station, October 2015

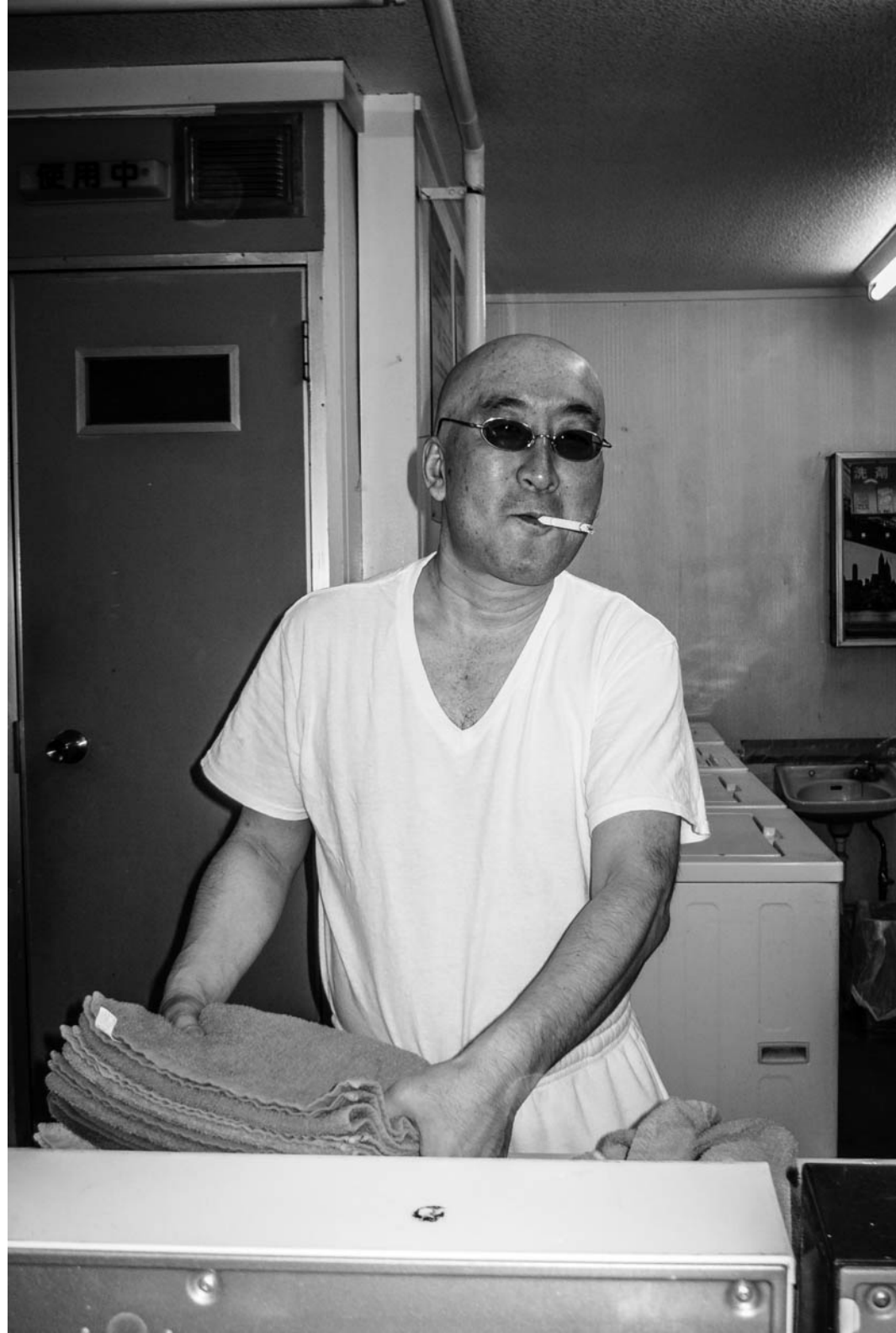
Phoning in a fur coat
Nakano Station, October 2015





The cool kid again with his bike
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

Doing the laundry with style
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





In the chilly rain at an anime rap show
Nakano Sun Plaza, November 2015

On a break from the evening shift
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





A lovely old man doing some cleaning
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



Masked in the late morning
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



Dapper and getting around nicely
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

Traditionally dressed
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





A funky young man
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



A shoeshine man
near Shimbashi Station, November 2015



Two different kinds of cigarette break
Shimbashi Station, November 2015



Promoting a restaurant
New Shimbashi Building, November 2015



It was chilly at a book fair
Shimbashi Station, November 2015

Boys having fun
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





A magnificent dame outside her bar
New Shimbashi Building, November 2015

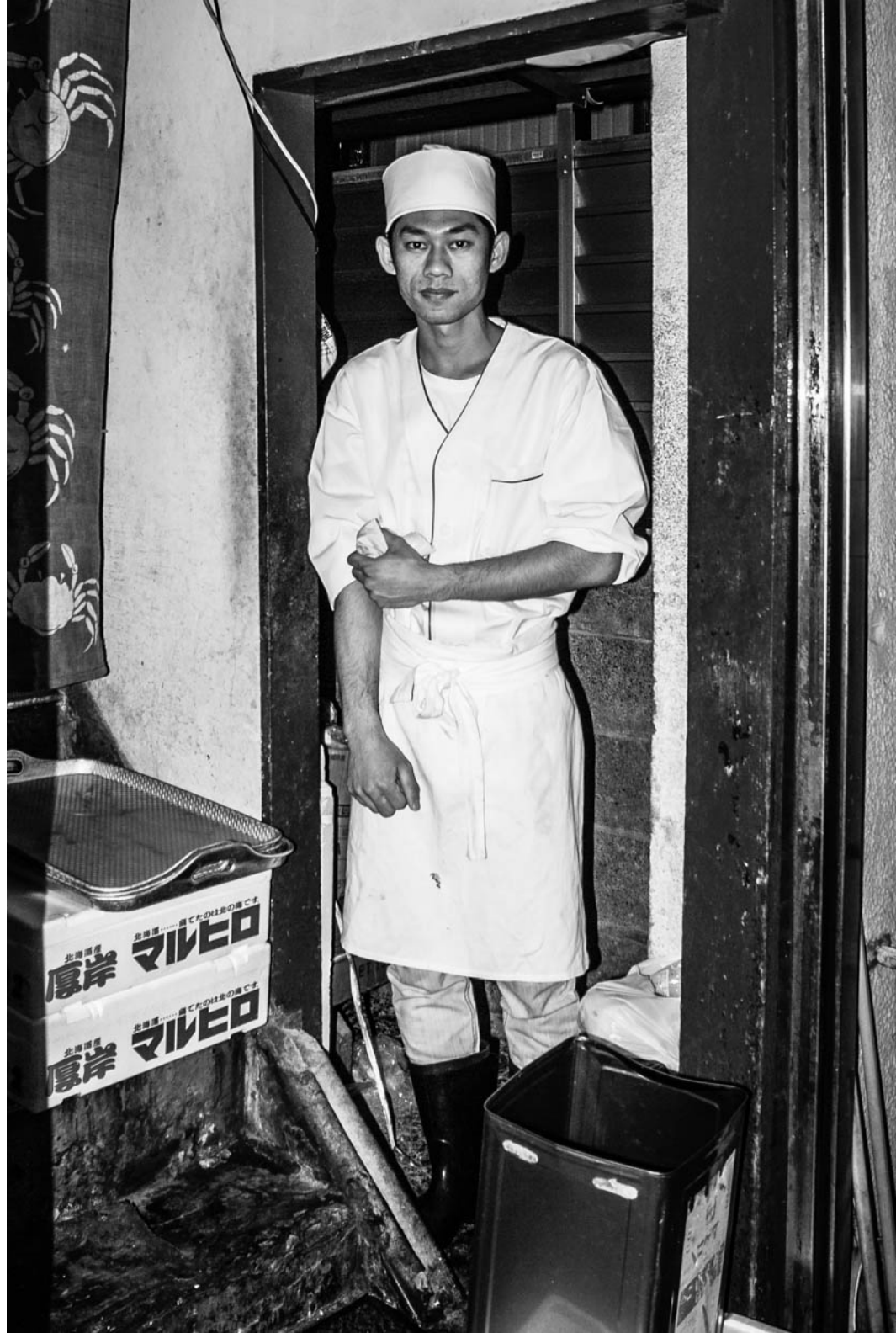
Getting the vending coffee before work
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





A lady and her dog
Nakano Life store, November 2015

A young seafood restaurant worker
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





Father and son
Arai 5-chome, November 2015

A fun fellow working in an izakaya
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





Hep for the night
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



Fellow izakaya diners
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



Charming and homeless
Shibuya Station, November 2015

Near Yasukuni Shrine in the rain
November 2015





Working men having breakfast
Nakano Sun Mall, November 2015



Relaxed in mid-morning
Udagawachō, Shibuya, November 2015



The fashionable sort
Nakano Broadway, November 2015

Behold his remarkable sweater
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015





Salarymen
Kayabachō Station, November 2015

Smiling son, bashful mom
Minami-senju Station, November 2015





He showed me his deformity
and invited me to drink with him in the street
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015



Pals in an eyeglass shop
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015



He was a little drunk, a lot happy, and really dancing
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015

The mama-san at Seoul Izakaya
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015





A charming woman at a variety shop
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015

Something in the news made him happy
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015





An adorable haberdasher
Nihonzutsumi, November 2015



Her smile lit up the whole restaurant
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



Splendid elderly ladies
near Edo-Tokyo Museum, November 2015



Living it up at an izakaya
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015



Happy western style
near Keisei Ueno Station, November 2015

Workman in the rain
near Hanozono Shrine, Shinjuku, November 2015





Staffer for an Asakusa restaurant
Kaminarimon-dori, November 2015

Manager for an Asakusa restaurant
Kaminarimon-dori, November 2015





She was homeless and I gave her money
Nakamise Shopping Street, Asakusa, November 2015

A fun hat and sweet potato snack
Sensō-ji, Asakusa, November 2015





Traditionally dressed and lovely
near Sensō-ji, Asakusa, November 2015

A traditionally-stylish man
Asakusa, November 2015





Variety store proprietor and his odd hat
Asakusa, November 2015



They were taking a survey for a university class
Asakusa, November 2015



He was rather drunk and a bit beat up
Asakusa, November 2015



Promoting cosmetics
Shinjuku Station, November 2015



A cheerful group (who may have been yakuza) at Kaimiya Bar
Asakusa, November 2015



Two gentlemen on the Ginza Line
near Kanda, November 2015



Seven-Five-Three (Shichigosan) at Hanazono-jinja
Shinjuku, November 2015



It was cold and sunny just outside Golden Gai
Shinjuku, November 2015



He had been performing at a street fair
Kagurazaka, November 2015



Three generations on the sidewalk
Kagurazaka, November 2015



Members of an athletic team (except the little girl)
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

A jolly fellow outside an izakaya
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





Fishmonger in Ameya-Yokochō
Ueno, November 2015

Lady and her pampered pets
Minowa, November 2015





Selling seafood
Minowa, November 2015

Happy schoolboy
Takadanobaba Station, November 2015





Balcony gazer
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

A lady and her bike across from Nakano Sun Plaza
Nakano-dori, Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





A travel agency business owner
Nakano-dori, Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

Lamp maker in his shop
near Minami-senju Station, November 2015





In lovely traditional dress on the Tozai Line
Nakano Station, November 2015

In western dress for the day
Near Inokashira Park, November 2015





At the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015

Pals at the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015





He was actually a delightful character
Tori-no-Ichi Festival, Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015

Working man at the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015





Taking a break at the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015



Inviting one and all to his game at the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015



A very charming man at the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015



Lunchtime for a lady and her dog at the Tori-no-Ichi Festival
Senzoku, Asakusa, November 2015



At a charming shop in called Atelier COMET
Asakusa, November 2015

Selling stuff on the street
Asakusa, November 2015





A very blonde fellow
Asakusa, November 2015

Proprietor of a stationery store
Asakusa, November 2015





Young group in traditional dress
Asakusa, November 2015



Her shop sold kokeshi and traditional things
Asakusa, November 2015



In a restaurant kitchen
Asakusa, November 2015



Resting near Kaminarimon Gate
Asakusa, November 2015



Server in a ramen shop
near Nakano Station, November 2015



Cook in a ramen shop
near Nakano Station, November 2015



Out for a walk
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

Taku Design Studio
Kichijoji, November 2015





Cashier in a porn shop
near Kichijoji Station, November 2015



My artist friends Yuji and Taka
Nakano Sun Mall, November 2015



Father and son
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015

Spry delivery driver
Nakano 5-chome, November 2015





A manager in the main office of Nakano Broadway
November 2015