

# E8 - Teshima's Orders

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**SIGN** Yowamushi Pedal

**SIGN** Teshima's Orders

**[01:32] Naruko**

What do you mean, Onoda won't be our mountain ace on the third day?

**[01:38] (Flashback) Naruko**

Onoda-kun is last year's champion!

**[01:40] (Flashback) Naruko**

He beat Manami in the mountains at the end of that race.

**[01:44] (Flashback) Imaizumi**

I can't accept this decision, either.

**[01:46] (Flashback) Imaizumi**

I'd understand if Onoda wasn't doing well.

**[01:49] (Flashback) Imaizumi**

But he's fine.

**[01:51] (Flashback) Imaizumi**

I made sure he'd be in peak condition during the Inter-High.

**[01:55] (Flashback) Sakamichi**

Yeah, I appreciate it.

**[01:58] (Flashback) Sakamichi**

I'm doing better than ever.

**[02:01] (Flashback) Sakamichi**

But if that's the decision Teshima-san made after giving it a lot of thought,

**[02:05] (Flashback) Sakamichi**

then I'll accept those orders.

**[02:07] (Flashback) Imaizumi**

Onoda...

**[02:09] (Flashback) Teshima**

I'm having you step down

**[02:11] (Flashback) Teshima**

because I expect we'll face circumstances that will force you to anyway.

**[02:17] (Flashback) Teshima**

By the time we enter the final  
mountains on the third day,

**[02:21] (Flashback) Teshima**

Hakone Academy will be well-prepared.

**[02:24] (Flashback) Teshima**

And it'll probably be Manami  
who gives us the most trouble.

**[02:30] (Flashback) Teshima**

He was Hakone Academy's  
first ever first-year regular

**[02:34] (Flashback) Teshima**

and a finalist at last year's Inter-High.

**[02:36] (Flashback) Teshima**

Rumor is he's even stronger this year.

**[02:40] (Flashback) Teshima**

Manami will be launched from  
their rock-solid position

**[02:43] (Flashback) Teshima**

and race straight to the finish line.

**[02:47] (Flashback) Teshima**

That's the worst possible  
scenario I can think of.

**[02:51] Sakamichi**

*Manami-kun...*

**[02:53] Sakamichi**

*Can I beat Manami-kun now  
that he's even stronger?*

**[02:57] Sakamichi**

*I...*

**[03:00] Sakamichi**

*There's a road leading to the finish line.*

**[03:03] Sakamichi**

*A slope climbing up into the sky.*

**[03:05] Sakamichi**

*There's no telling what will happen there.*

**[03:08] Sakamichi**

*Everyone rides as hard as they can*

**[03:11] Sakamichi**

*toward a totally undecided  
blank slate of a future.*

**[03:16] Sakamichi**

*If I got to race against a stronger  
Manami-kun and was able to keep up, then I...*

**[03:24] Sakamichi**

*I would be really happy.*

**[03:27] (Flashback) Teshima**

For Sohoku,

**[03:29] (Flashback) Teshima**

it's best for us to take down Manami early.

**[03:32] Naruko**

*Take him down...*

**[03:33] Imaizumi**

*...early.*

**[03:34] (Flashback) Teshima**

We'll make the first attack once  
we enter the final mountains.

**[03:38] (Flashback) Teshima**

When we catch up to them,  
we'll send one attacker.

**[03:43] (Flashback) Teshima**

They'll send someone after him.

**[03:45] (Flashback) Teshima**

We'll pull him at full speed, keep him  
in check, and exhaust his legs.

**[03:51] (Flashback) Teshima**

But the third day's mountains are long.

**[03:54] (Flashback) Teshima**

Whoever makes the first attack will  
become exhausted before the end,

**[03:57] (Flashback) Teshima**

be passed by the team,

**[03:59] (Flashback) Teshima**

and stop pedaling because he doesn't have  
the stamina to even reach the finish line.

**[04:04] (Flashback) Teshima**

One of us will drop out of the race and  
take one of our opponents down with him.

**[04:07] (Flashback) Teshima**

That will be our first  
attack in the mountains.

**[04:10] Sakamichi**

*Drop out...*

**[04:11] (Flashback) Teshima**

The only person who can lure Manami  
and take him down is you, Onoda.

**[04:20] (Flashback) Teshima**

Tomorrow, if what I'm expecting happens...

**[04:25] Teshima**

*Can you do it, Onoda?*

**[04:27] Sakamichi**

*Yes, sir!*

**[04:28] Teshima**

It's the race official's car.

**[04:29] Teshima**

The lead pack must be close.

**[04:31] Imaizumi**

Let's swap, Naruko.

**[04:32] Naruko**

Go get 'em, hotshot.

**[04:33] Imaizumi**

You don't have to tell me twice.

**[04:40] Teshima**

Let's swap, Imaizumi.

**[04:42] Imaizumi**

Yes, sir.

**[04:42] Teshima**

I can't be the only one not  
pulling when I'm making the

**[04:46] Teshima**

second-years pull and asked  
Onoda drop out of the race.

**[04:49] Teshima**

Show yourselves, Hakone Academy.

**[04:51] Teshima**

Let me see you around this corner.

**[04:55] Teshima**

Show yourselves, Hakone Academy!

**[05:05] Teshima**

I see them.

**[05:07] Kuroda**

Sohoku's here?

**[05:09] Teshima**

We've come crawling back up from  
the depths of despair, Kuroda.

**[05:13] Ashikiba**

Jun-chan...

**[05:15] Teshima**

It's just as I expected.

**[05:16] Teshima**

Onoda, save your strength  
for our first attack.

**[05:20] Sakamichi**

Yes, sir.

**[05:21] Teshima**

Naruko, Imaizumi...

**[05:22] Imaizumi**

Yes, sir.

**[05:23] Naruko**

Yes, sir.

**[05:24] Teshima**

Thank you.

**[05:27] Teshima**

I would've stopped pedaling  
if not for your hope.

**[05:31] Teshima**

I'll bring us next to Hakone Academy.

**[05:33] Teshima**

I'll pull at full speed.

**[05:36] Teshima**

I'm sorry.

**[05:37] Teshima**

After that, it'll be up to you  
three to reach the finish line.

**[05:44] Makishima**

You think they're starting the  
race for the finish line about now?

**[05:48] Kinjou**

Yeah.

**SIGN** Tadokoro Bread

**[05:49] Makishima**

At 1,700 meters, it's cool  
even during the summer.

**[05:54] Kinjou**

Yeah.

**[05:55] Makishima**

By the way, Kinjou...

**[05:57] Makishima**

You think Teshima Junta, the man  
you appointed Captain of Sohoku,

**[06:02] Makishima**

will make it up here?

**[06:07] Makishima**

Through the hot spring town of Kusatsu and

**[06:09] Makishima**

the endlessly zig-zagging road,  
all the way up here...

**[06:16] Kinjou**

Will Teshima make it, huh?

**[06:18] Tadokoro**

He will.

**[06:20] Tadokoro**

I trained Teshima and Aoyagi.

**[06:23] Tadokoro**

They've got more guts than anyone.

**[06:29] Tadokoro**

That's what I hope, anyway.

**[06:32] Tadokoro**

It'll probably be tough, though.

**[06:35] Makishima**

Yeah.

**[06:36] Tadokoro**

He's got guts, but his legs are average.

**[06:40] Kinjou**

Unfortunately, Tadokoro's right.

**[06:43] Makishima**

You need something exceptional  
to survive at the Inter-High,

**[06:48] Makishima**

and Teshima lacks that.

**[06:50] Makishima**

Then why'd you choose Teshima to be captain

**[06:55] Makishima**

if he's an average guy  
who can't make it up here?

**[06:59] Makishima**

I know he's injured,

**[07:01] Makishima**

but you could've made Koga captain instead.

**[07:04] Makishima**

He might've made it up here.

**[07:07] Kinjou**

It's true that Teshima is weak and ordinary.

**[07:10] Kinjou**

He often said so himself.

**[07:12] Kinjou**

"I'm at the bottom. I'm a low-level player."

**[07:17] Kinjou**

But Teshima continued  
working hard regardless.

**[07:20] Kinjou**

He used every minute and  
every second carefully

**[07:23] Kinjou**

and struggled to climb higher many times.

**[07:26] Kinjou**

Last year, by reeling in a thin  
thread of hope, Sohoku won.

**[07:31] Kinjou**

We reached the top.

**[07:34] Kinjou**

But those who achieve the  
highest result in competition

**[07:38] Kinjou**

always pay for it in the form of stagnation.

**[07:43] Kinjou**

The satisfaction of reaching the highest level diffuses the winner's tension.

**[07:48] Kinjou**

He becomes weak and uncertain about which way to proceed.

**[07:52] Kinjou**

Sohoku won. What the new generation needs now more than anything else

**[07:57] Kinjou**

is the strength to push even farther.

**[08:02] Kinjou**

The mental strength to keep putting

**[08:04] Kinjou**

one foot in front of the other no matter the circumstances.

**[08:07] Kinjou**

A powerful heart that never loses sight of its goals.

**[08:10] Kinjou**

And he had that in spades.

**[08:13] Kinjou**

That's why I chose him.

**[08:15] Kinjou**

There are sights that can only be seen from the bottom.

**[08:19] Kinjou**

The hunger to break through stalemates and shatter preconceptions.

**[08:25] Makishima**

Yeah.

**[08:26] Kinjou**

And the efforts of an ordinary man

**[08:29] Kinjou**

become a vibration that resonates through the other players.

**[08:33] Kinjou**

It becomes the strength that pushes them forward.

**[08:38] Makishima**

Kinjou, wouldn't that be the special something you mentioned

**[08:42] Makishima**

that everyone needs to survive until this point?

**[08:52] Teshima**

Come on, body. Don't start screaming now.

**[08:57] Teshima**

Fight, Junta.

**[08:58] Teshima**

This is your last Inter-High!

**[09:02] Imaizumi**

We're catching up to Hakone Academy.

**[09:04] Sakamichi**

Teshima-san...

**[09:07] Naruko**

Hey, what'd you mean when you  
said the rest is up to us?

**[09:11] Naruko**

It'd be better for us  
to take turns pulling—

**[09:13] Teshima**

Rest for now. You'll need your strength.

**[09:17] Teshima**

That's an order.

**[09:18] Teshima**

Naruko, Imaizumi...

**[09:21] Teshima**

Our opponents have an advantage  
from Izumida pulling.

**[09:25] Teshima**

If our whole team is  
exhausted when we catch up,

**[09:28] Teshima**

we'll be beaten by an immediate attack.

**[09:30] Teshima**

One of us has to pull for the team.

**[09:34] Teshima**

And it has to be me.

**[09:37] Teshima**

So, heart, keep on pumping until then.

**[09:52] Yuuto**

What's with this guy?

**[09:59] Imaizumi**

Incredible. He's...

**[10:02] Naruko**

Crap. What is this?

**[10:04] Naruko**

My hands are startin' to shake.

**[10:06] Sakamichi**

I can feel Teshima-san's  
passionate vibrations

**[10:10] Sakamichi**

from his determination to

move forward no matter what.

**[10:13] Yuuto**

Kuroda-san, I'm not sure what's going on,  
but they've nearly caught up.

**[10:18] Kuroda**

Yuuto, the two of us will pull together.

**[10:21] Yuuto**

Yes, sir.

**[10:23] Ashikiba**

Yuki-chan, can I make  
just one selfish demand?

**[10:28] Ashikiba**

Let me pull.

**[10:29] Kuroda**

Takuto...

**[10:31] Ashikiba**

I was trying to stay calm, but after  
seeing Jun-chan ride like that,

**[10:36] Ashikiba**

I can't contain it anymore.

**[10:41] Ashikiba**

Let's race, Jun-chan.

**[10:43] Teshima**

Shikiba...

**[10:45] Ashikiba**

Your vibrations are reaching me.

**[10:48] Ashikiba**

The classical music has already  
begun playing in my head.

**[10:53] Ashikiba**

It's cliché, but it's the Ninth.

**[10:55] Imaizumi**

Ashikiba-san...

**[10:57] Naruko**

...stood up!

**[10:58] Sakamichi**

He's moving up!

**[11:00] Teshima**

He's three meters ahead.

**[11:03] Teshima**

Is he challenging me to a race?

**[11:05] Teshima**

Seriously?

**[11:07] Teshima**

I'm trying to complete  
my last job for the team

**[11:11] Teshima**

by bringing them next to Hakone Academy.

**[11:17] Ashikiba**

That's it, Jun-chan!

**[11:19] Ashikiba**

That's the vibration!

**[11:20] Ashikiba**

Let's race!

**[11:22] Teshima**

What situation do you see that makes you say that, Ashikiba?

**[11:26] Imaizumi**

Situation?

**[11:28] Imaizumi**

We're currently trying to catch up to Hakone Academy.

**[11:32] Imaizumi**

Things are going as we expected.

**[11:33] Imaizumi**

The one difference is that their ace, Ashikiba-san, is trying to pull ahead.

**[11:39] Imaizumi**

What will Hakone Academy do?

**[11:41] Imaizumi**

They probably weren't expecting Ashikiba-san to jump ahead here.

**[11:46] Imaizumi**

If their ace leaves their team now,

**[11:49] Imaizumi**

the race after this point will change dramatically.

**[11:52] Imaizumi**

And this situation was brought about by him.

**[11:56] Imaizumi**

Which means...

**[12:03] Teshima**

What are you doing, Imaizumi?

**[12:05] Imaizumi**

Do you still have the will and strength left to fight?

**[12:08] Teshima**

What?

**[12:09] Imaizumi**

Conserve your strength in the back as much as possible.

**[12:12] Imaizumi**

And prepare yourself for the biggest moment of this Inter-High.

**[12:17] Teshima**

Prepare myself?

**[12:18] Imaizumi**

Hakone Academy is attacking.

**[12:21] Teshima**

They're attacking first?

**[12:24] Naruko**

I agree with hotshot.

**[12:26] Teshima**

You, too?

**[12:28] Naruko**

They're comin'. It's gonna be a strong one.

**[12:32] Teshima**

Could it be?

**[12:34] Teshima**

Now?

**[12:37] Teshima**

They're sending their ace, Ashikiba, now?

**[12:43] Imaizumi**

You're the one who created  
this situation, Teshima-san.

**[12:48] Imaizumi**

Your self-sacrifice moved everyone around you,  
including Hakone Academy's ace.

**[12:55] Teshima**

I did?

**[12:57] Sakamichi**

Sometimes it's hardest to notice  
when you're the one doing it.

**[13:04] Imaizumi**

You're the only one who  
can stop Ashikiba-san now.

**[13:07] Teshima**

\*I'll \*stop him?

**[13:10] Sakamichi**

Please.

**[13:11] Naruko**

We're countin' on you.

**[13:13] Imaizumi**

Go.

**[13:14] All**

Sohoku captain and climber, Teshima Junta!

**[13:21] Teshima**

They're making crazy demands.

**[13:23] Teshima**

This can't be happening.  
Shikiba, I'm getting to race against you?

**[13:29] Teshima**

Bicycle racing is fantastic.

**[13:32] Teshima**

We're at the front of the Inter-High.

**[13:36] Ashikiba**

Jun-chan!

**[13:37] Teshima**

Shikiba!

**[13:38] Ashikiba**

You came! Oh, you came. I'm so happy.

**[13:42] Ashikiba**

Let's race!

**[13:44] Teshima**

My third-year and final Inter-High

**[13:46] Teshima**

is shaping up to be the most difficult  
last time I'll ever face.

**[13:50] Teshima**

Yeah, let's do it. I'm ready.

**SIGN** Yowamushi Pedal

**[14:02] Fan A**

The front is here!

**[14:04] Fan B**

From Hakone Academy,  
it's the first day's winner,

**[14:06] Fan B**

wearing the red mountain tags  
from the second day.

**[14:09] Fan B**

He's the unstoppable and  
towering ace, Ashikiba Takuto.

**[14:12] Fan C**

Racing against him is Sohoku's #5  
and captain, Teshima Junta, a climber.

**[14:18] Fan A**

Teshima's racing for Sohoku, huh?

**[14:20] Fan B**

Teshima lacks an impressive record,

**[14:24] Fan B**

but he narrowly lost the  
first day's mountain battle.

**[14:28] Fan C**

An uncrowned man,  
someone who's never won a title,

**[14:32] Fan C**

is going to beat Hakone Academy's ace.

**[14:34] Fan C**

Maybe that's their plan for sending #5.

**[14:38] Ashikiba**

I'm glad you came.

**[14:41] Ashikiba**

How do you feel right now, Jun-chan?

**[14:45] Ashikiba**

As for me...

**[14:47] Ashikiba**

I...

**[14:51] Ashikiba**

I feel amazing!

**[14:53] Teshima**

Metronome Dancing!

**[14:55] Teshima**

You're doing that already? Hold on.

**[14:58] Teshima**

Wait, Shikiba!

**[15:01] Teshima**

My legs feel so heavy...

**[15:04] Teshima**

But move!

**[15:08] Ashikiba**

That's it. This is so thrilling.

**[15:12] Ashikiba**

Let's go again, Jun-chan.

**[15:14] Teshima**

Seriously?

**[15:16] Teshima**

My heart's about to stop.

**[15:18] Teshima**

Take a break, Shikiba.

**[15:27] Kuroda**

What's wrong, Sohoku? Are you giving up the race because things have gotten tough?

**[15:32] Kuroda**

I'm surprised you sent Teshima.

**[15:35] Kuroda**

Did his miraculous second-place finish at Irohazaka on the first day

**[15:38] Kuroda**

make you hope for more?

**[15:39] Kuroda**

But don't they call it a miracle because it'll never happen again?

**[15:45] Kuroda**

From here, it's roughly 15 kilometers to the finish line.

**[15:48] Kuroda**

If one of the two guys who left can't keep up,  
the other will take the finish line.

**[15:55] Kuroda**

The race will end without us doing our jobs.

**[15:59] Imaizumi**

We sent Teshima-san so that wouldn't happen.

**[16:04] Kuroda**

Sorry, but Teshima doesn't have  
the strength to stop our Ashikiba.

**[16:09] Imaizumi**

I doubt he does.

**[16:12] Imaizumi**

But he'll stop him.

**[16:14] Kuroda**

Is that a riddle? How's he going to stop him?

**[16:18] Kuroda**

I'm saying Teshima doesn't stand a chance.

**[16:21] Sakamichi**

Excuse me.

**[16:22] Kuroda**

What?

**[16:24] Sakamichi**

Um, well...

**[16:26] Sakamichi**

The reason we sent Teshima-san  
is because he's... very, uh...

**[16:33] Sakamichi**

He's very hard-working.

**[16:34] Kuroda**

Hard-working?

**[16:37] Kuroda**

I was wondering what you'd say.

**[16:39] Kuroda**

You think hard work and effort  
are enough to succeed?

**[16:42] Kuroda**

Do you, Onoda-kun?

**[16:44] Sakamichi**

Um, but Teshima-san has worked  
really hard this past year.

**[16:52] Sakamichi**

He tirelessly built up his  
strength little by little.

**[16:56] Sakamichi**

I thought it was amazing.

**[17:00] Sakamichi**

Couldn't you call the ability to gradually build up your efforts talent?

**[17:08] Teshima**

Are you laughing at me for jumping ahead, Kuroda?

**[17:12] Teshima**

I'm sure you are.

**[17:14] Teshima**

Until a moment ago, I was pulling my team at full strength,

**[17:18] Teshima**

with the intention of dropping out.

**[17:21] Teshima**

But...

**[17:25] Teshima**

an unexpected road opened in front of me.

**[17:29] Teshima**

Just as I was about to collapse from exhaustion...

**[17:32] (Flashback) Imaizumi**

Do you still have the will and strength left to fight?

**[17:36] Teshima**

For a moment, I thought, "Why now, when I'm exhausted?"

**[17:41] Teshima**

"I would've gladly rushed ahead if it weren't right now."

**[17:45] Teshima**

But I turned my pedals because it happened now.

**[17:50] Teshima**

Only when you've pushed yourself to the limit and steeled your resolve

**[17:56] Teshima**

does the next door open.

**[17:59] Teshima**

So move forward without hesitation, Teshima Junta.

**[18:03] Teshima**

Wait, Shikiba!

**[18:04] Teshima**

Let's ride together for a little longer.

**[18:07] Ashikiba**

Jun-chan! Incredible! You truly are amazing.

**[18:11] Teshima**

Wouldn't want to waste the opportunity.

**[18:13] Teshima**

Shikiba, I hadn't answered  
your question yet...

**SIGN** Certain

**[18:17] Teshima**

about how I feel.

**[18:19] Teshima**

I should be exhausted, so I wonder why...

**[18:22] Teshima**

It's strange.

**[18:24] Teshima**

I feel strength welling up inside me.

**[18:27] Teshima**

I feel great, too.

**[18:29] Ashikiba**

Jun-chan...

**SIGN** Road Race Distance to Mountain Line 4km Remaining

**[18:33] Announcer**

On the final day of the boys' bicycle  
road race in the final mountains,

**[18:36] Announcer**

two riders have jumped ahead.

**SIGN** Staff Office

**[18:39] Announcer**

One is Sohoku High School third-year  
and #5, Teshima Junta.

**[18:45] Higashido**

What?

**[18:46] Masuda**

Hey, don't suddenly stop like that.

**[18:49] Announcer**

Teshima has fallen behind slightly.

**[18:51] Masuda**

Teshima? From class four?

**[18:55] Higashido**

Yeah, that's him.

**[18:56] Announcer**

But Teshima is hanging in there.

**[18:56] Masuda**

You're friends with him, right, Higashido?

**[18:59] Masuda**

Didn't you say you were going  
to Tochigi the other day?

**[19:01] Higashido**

Yeah.

**[19:03] Higashido**

I spoke with him briefly

before the race started.

**[19:06] Announcer**

Teshima is sticking behind  
Hakone Academy's number 11.

**[19:07] Higashido**

Wow, Teshima. You're playing  
a big part at the Inter-High,

**[19:12] Higashido**

where the country's best riders gather.

**[19:14] Higashido**

It makes me shiver.

**[19:16] Announcer**

Meanwhile, Hakone Academy  
has strength to spare.

**[19:17] Higashido**

You've seized an opportunity.

**[19:19] Announcer**

He's riding so effortlessly.

**[19:20] Higashido**

I'll say it again.

**[19:21] Announcer**

All 202 centimeters of  
#11 Ashikiba are swaying.

**[19:22] Higashido**

You're the star of Minami Middle School.

**[19:26] Higashido**

Ashikiba?

**[19:27] Girl B**

Who?

**[19:29] Higashido**

Ashikiba...

**[19:30] Higashido**

He was so slow and nice in middle school.

**[19:35] Higashido**

Are Shikiba and Teshima battling each other?

**[19:39] Higashido**

Those two from Minami Middle School are  
taking each other on at the great Inter-High?

**[19:44] Higashido**

Amazing.

**[19:46] Higashido**

You can do it.

**[19:47] Higashido**

Good luck, both of you!

**[19:55] Teshima**

This is rough. I'm struggling.

**[19:57] Teshima**

But I feel strangely calm.

**[20:01] Teshima**

This is a huge race.

**[20:03] Teshima**

I'm shouldering a heavy  
responsibility for my team.

**[20:06] Teshima**

It's the final mountains of the  
third day of the Inter-High.

**[20:10] Teshima**

But my body is responding.

**[20:12] Teshima**

The wavelength feels good.

**[20:13] Teshima**

It's probably because I'm  
racing against you, Shikiba.

**[20:18] Teshima**

Our rhythms are synced.

**[20:23] Ashikiba**

I feel the same way, Jun-chan.

**[20:27] Teshima**

What?

**[20:31] Ashikiba**

I can feel it.

**[20:33] Ashikiba**

Sorry. My senses are keen right now.

**[20:41] Teshima**

He's no ordinary man after all.

**[20:44] Teshima**

Just making eye contact with  
him gives me pins and needles.

**[20:48] Ashikiba**

I'm strong when I get like this.

**[20:51] Teshima**

He unleashed his senses.

**[20:53] Teshima**

He was never a logical rider.  
He rides based on feel.

**[20:58] Teshima**

People generally tease him for  
being air-headed and not listening,

**[21:02] Teshima**

but that's just because his  
interest is out of alignment.

**[21:06] Teshima**

Once he's set his sights on something  
and his senses are tuned in,

**[21:09] Teshima**

he performs unbelievably well.

**[21:13] Teshima**

He's been this way since middle school.

**[21:16] Teshima**

He was strong once he got going.

**[21:19] Teshima**

He's not lying.

**[21:20] Teshima**

He's probably fairly strong right now.

**[21:25] Teshima**

Shall we race for real?

**[21:28] Ashikiba**

Isn't that why you came?

**[21:31] Ashikiba**

Let's do it for real.

**[21:33] Ashikiba**

You're strong. I want to try it.

**[21:36] Teshima**

Don't overestimate me.

**[21:38] Teshima**

I lost to you last year at Minegayama.

**[21:42] Teshima**

Everyone says I've got average legs.

**[21:47] Teshima**

But it hasn't made me spineless.

**[21:49] Teshima**

I am who I am now knowing that.

**[21:53] Teshima**

I want to believe the path  
I've traveled and the goals

**[21:57] Teshima**

I've worked toward weren't wrong.

**[21:59] Teshima**

So I want to prove that by  
fighting and beating you.

**[22:05] Teshima**

What's an ordinary climber,

**[22:06] Teshima**

a #5 like me doing picking a  
fight with Hakone Academy's ace?

**[22:11] Teshima**

I know I wouldn't be able  
to contain my laughter

**[22:14] Teshima**

if I calmed down and thought about it.

**[22:16] Teshima**

But we stand in the same ring.

**[22:19] Teshima**

I'm on this side of the  
road at the Inter-High.

**[22:22] Teshima**

I have the right.

**[22:24] Teshima**

From another perspective,  
this is an opportunity.

**[22:27] Teshima**

For the rest of my life,

**[22:30] Teshima**

I'll probably never have  
another opportunity to ride

**[22:32] Teshima**

at the front of a big race with you.

**[22:35] Teshima**

I consider this a miracle.

**[22:37] Teshima**

So I'm riding this miracle  
all the way to the end.

**[22:41] Teshima**

After all, miracles hardly ever happen,  
no matter how hard you wish for them,

**[22:48] Teshima**

but when it rains, it pours.

**[22:50] Teshima**

Isn't that how it works?

**[22:56] Ashikiba**

I like the way you think.

**SIGN** Road Race Distance to Mountain Line 3km Remaining

**[23:02] Teshima**

Why don't we race the remaining three  
kilometers to the mountain result line?

**[23:06] Ashikiba**

The mountain result line...

**[23:08] Teshima**

Don't you think it's fitting  
for a race between us?

**[23:12] Teshima**

It's just like it was then...

**[23:15] Teshima**

when we raced in middle  
school on the same team.

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