

that the grade of the work I create will not change that much. Conversely, it is not that you can create something different when you are young or old, it is just that the amount of time you spend on it will change. If it is said that I have lost the power of spontaneity, it is true.

Is "death" a scary thing for you?

Yamamoto: Death is scary. But the only thing I know sensibly is that I am dying because my cells are deteriorating and breaking down. Because if you're still alive, you can't die. I have a friend who committed suicide by drinking alcohol for 10 years, which is taking too long [laughs]. How about you, Takeshi-san?

Kitano: Human beings enjoy doing something "constructive" on the one hand, and on the other hand, it is fun to have the confidence to have the courage to take it off the table. But it's boring when you lose that confidence. It is the same as living. The moment you think that you can't help but die, living becomes fun. I think that the boredom of living while thinking that you don't want to die must be unbearable. When you die, the moment you think you are going to die, life becomes fun.

Yamamoto: But I don't think I will become an old man who is liked by everyone, neither Takeshi-san nor myself [laughs].

Kitano: I guess so. People would say "Oh shit that old man is here" [laughs], talking about how he would steal money for his grandchildren.

Yamamoto: Something I'm so ashamed of is, ever since I was a kid of 4 or 5 years old, I've always thought, "Life must be so hard". I wouldn't want to go back to my twenties. I think those people who are 27 or 28 years old are so in a rush and I feel sorry for them. I've always wanted to end my life as soon as possible since I was a kid. And since I have been so selfish, I will never be called a "good old man," and I will pay for my selfishness [laughs]. But I will probably be told, "You can't help it," until the end [laughs].

Do you have a strong desire to be popular with hot women? What are the requirements for a hot woman?

Yamamoto: If I were asked to list the conditions of a hot woman, I could not say in general terms. Even if I like someone, it may be another person's wife [laughs]. But it is much better to be told that a woman likes you than to be told that you are a "cultured person" when you are older.

Kitano: When people say "cultured people," I don't think your "dick" should stand up [laughs].

Yamamoto: No, it shouldn't stand up.

Kitano: Girls should be either extremely stupid or very smart. Those who don't fall into either category are the most annoying and irritating to me. If they are either completely stupid or smart, it's fun to hang out with them, but those in the middle are no good, just like the baby boomers.

Yamamoto: My mother really had a big influence on me, especially until I was in my 20s. When I was young, I would always have a dream in which my mother was wearing a kimono