One of the seduced said...

I slept with Shimano.

One of the reasons I am posting this is because, from reading Genkaku's blog for the past months, if I did not know better, I might think Shimano slept with only a few women through these fifty some years – the few mentioned on the blog. I know other posters believe this.

From my short time around ZSS, I know, personally, three other women who slept with him, none of which have been mentioned.

The more tragic thing is that I know two young women, both about 18, whom Shimano tried to seduce but they were strong enough to refuse. One was extremely traumatized by the attempted seduction. The other, with great maturity, told me she looked at it as a good thing: to never, ever trust men of authority.

So that was 6 attempts, 4 successes, within a few short years. Six that I know of! How many do you think he slept with or attempted to seduce through all these years?

I will not get into the details of my experiences. I have considered "telling all" through these past months but after much consideration, have decided "no." What good would it do to tell all? Certainly would not consider talking to the ZSS board. And I don't know who's on this blog. Very few people (myself included) have the courage to use their real names — so I see no point in telling my story to a group of anonymous people.

But – to get to the point: Great appreciation to Kobutsu and Genkaku for all that they have done. If I had had access to this blog and the archives, I would never have connected with ZSS in the first place.

Which brings me to the purpose of this letter. Who knows what will happen down the line with ZSS. Who knows if ES will find a way to start teaching again. My one hope is that there is a way that the blog/archive information is made available to any person who may possibly come in contact with ES in the future as a student.

I don't know how this may be accomplished. I am hoping there is a way!

One request to Kobutsu: You have put endless hours of work into creating and maintaining the archives and I apologize for asking for more. But . . . several months ago, when I first started reading the posts, there was so much information I was not able to get through it all.

Could you possibly choose the most relevant & powerful posts – maybe 10, 20, 30 – and create a new page – a condensed, mini-history of the past 40, 50 years which could be used as a post to which we could refer people. Then, possibly, this could be compiled and distributed to future students, if it should come to that, to warn them of who they are choosing as their teacher.

These months (well, years actually) have been so difficult for so many people. Personally, knowing at least that others will be warned would be a huge part of healing.

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