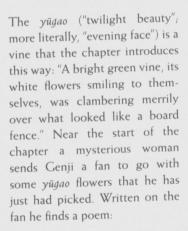
YŪGAO

The Twilight Beauty



"At a guess I see that you may indeed be he: the light silver dew brings to clothe in loveliness a twilight beauty flower."

He answers:

"Let me then draw near and see whether you are she, whom glimmering dusk gave me faintly to discern in twilight beauty flowers."

RELATIONSHIP TO EARLIER CHAPTERS

The story in "The Twilight Beauty" begins in the summer when Genji is seventeen and continues up to the tenth month. Genji seems to have been inspired to pursue both Utsusemi and Yūgao by the "rating women on a rainy night" conversation in "The Broom Tree."

PERSONS

Genji, a Captain in the Palace Guards, age 17
Genji's nurse, the Dazaifu Deputy's wife, now a nun (Daini no Menoto)
Koremitsu, Genji's foster brother and confidant

The Adept, Koremitsu's elder brother
A young woman, about 19 (Yūgao)

The lady of the cicada shell (Utsusemi)

The daughter of the Iyo Deputy (Nokiba no Ogi)

The Iyo Deputy (Iyo no Suke)

The Rokujō Haven, widow of a former Heir Apparent (Rokujō no Miyasudokoro)

Chūjō, a gentlewoman in the Rokujō Haven's service

Ukon, Yūgao's nurse

The steward

His son, a member of the Palace Guards

The Secretary Captain, Genji's friend and brother-in-law (Tō no Chūjō)

His wife, daughter of the Minister of the Right (Shi no Kimi)

His daughter with Yūgao, the "pink," 3 (Tamakazura)

A Doctor, Genji's former teacher