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Louise Bremner wrote:

John R. Yamamoto-Wilson <[john@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:john@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

My pet hate is people who elbow their way past their fellow countrymen when getting off the train, then offer a deferential "Excuse me" (in English, which for all they know I might not even speak) as they skirt round me. Strikes me as the height of hypocrisy!

Even more so when the guy suddenly remembers there's something about "ladies first" when gaigin women are involved. He's pushed aside three grannies and a pregnant woman carrying a screaming toddler in his rush to get to the last empty seat in the crowded train, and suddenly stops to usher me into it, with deep bowing and katakana apologies.

So I give it to the pregnant woman with the toddler.

So she puts the toddler onto it.....

Uh, oh.... Never mind.

I've always rather enjoyed beating one of the slouching zoku-of-the-week to a seat and then giving it to a protesting obachan, but then I don't have to live and work in Tokyo.

Dan

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Any member introducing a dog into the Society's premises shall be liable to a fine of one pound. Any animal leading a blind person shall be deemed to be a cat.

— Rule 46, Oxford Union Society, London

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