

Ash coffee  
&  
The Little Ice Age  
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This is a story about  
"Ash coffee"



**B**efore we talk about Ash Coffee,  
Let's talk about an event  
which is relating to Ash Coffee..



**M**any years ago,  
a volcano erupted in  
a small country.

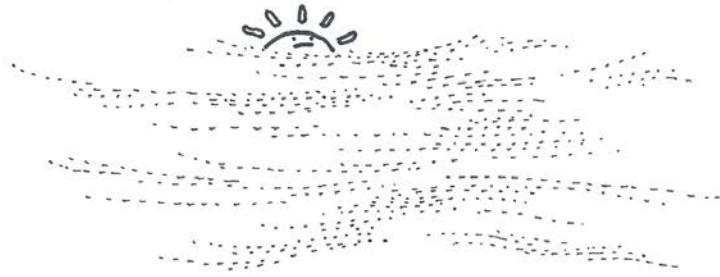
It was a very, very big  
eruption, and caused  
a lot of damage to  
people's lives.



The landscape has been changed,  
and people have lost  
a lot of things.

But a more serious event happened





The volcanic ash in the sky  
had blocked out the sunshine!

The temperature dropped dramatically



BEFORE



AFTER



**M**any problems were  
caused by the sudden cold

Sunshine, where are you?



Food became a problem because cannot grow in a poor field.



Clothing was a problem too, people preferred to wear warmer clothes.



Double window

People reinforced their houses, protecting them from the cold outside.



This problem with the sun confused people. politicians, economists, scientists - everyone discussed the problem.

In the beginning, it was very, very, very hard.

people called this period the "Little Ice Age"



**B**ut gradually, people adapted to the new state of things, and began to find better ways to cope.

So, Shall we talk about  
Ash Coffee?



This was also invented in  
the Small Country, during  
the Little Ice Age.

First of all,  
what is Ash Coffee?



Actually,  
It is a blend of  
Coffee and whisky.

people used not to drink whisky in  
their coffee, but after the beginning  
of the Little Ice Age, people wanted  
to eat and drink that warmed  
them up.



whisky warms up their body,  
even if coffee goes cold.



Whisky was also important drink to people because barley, the ingredient of whisky, could survive in the cold field.

As a result, a new taste was produced that was loved by people.

It became the national drink.

Let's talk about  
the origin of  
Ash coffee



The origin seems to trace back to a story  
that took place in a cafe.

A man at the cafe tried blending  
whisky with coffee, because coffee was  
not enough to make him feel warm.

But, adding whisky to the  
coffee helped to warm him up nicely!





He shared his discovery with the people in the cafe. They were surprised that the taste of the coffee, and effect that it had on their bodies, was very good.



We can call this coffee  
"Ash Coffee"!



Some man named it "Ash coffee"  
ironically. Do you remember?  
The volcanic ash that blocked  
out the sun started the  
Little Ice Age.

However, one man mentioned

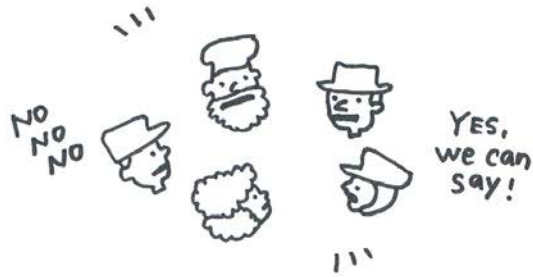
I have heard that  
another country has blended  
whisky with coffee already.  
This coffee might not  
be ours!



Some of you might also have thought this.  
Another country does have a very  
similar type of coffee.



That is true, but we are using our own type of whisky, they use a different type of whisky. That's why this can be our coffee, 'Ash coffee'!



Anyway, this is the origin of Ash coffee that has been discussed for a long time.

This is your  
Ash coffee  
Have a  
nice day!



**F**inally, it is called 'Ash Coffee'.  
It is still loved by people  
now, and you can drink  
it in certain coffee shops.

Have you ever tried?

The people of the small country  
are still living in the Little Ice Age,  
and they still drink Ash coffee.



If you have never tried it,  
would you like to try a cup?

**THE END**

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