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On the bus, I read about Japan’s suicide forest. Aokigahara, near the base of Mount Fuji.

People say it’s the best place to die. They tie rope along trunks, a trail for whomever comes after. The bodies get cleared out once a year by volunteers and officials. Park ranger Azusa Hayano has talked hundreds of people out of their plans. He’s rescued so many half-dying already.

Hayano puts a hand on their shoulder. He asks them to speak as they sit near the trees.