

Humble Honorific (Kenjougo)

謙讓語

お + Verb +
(stem)
+ します

Humble Action & Respecting Others by Lowering Yourself.

CASUAL VS. HUMBLE: THE ART OF KEIGO

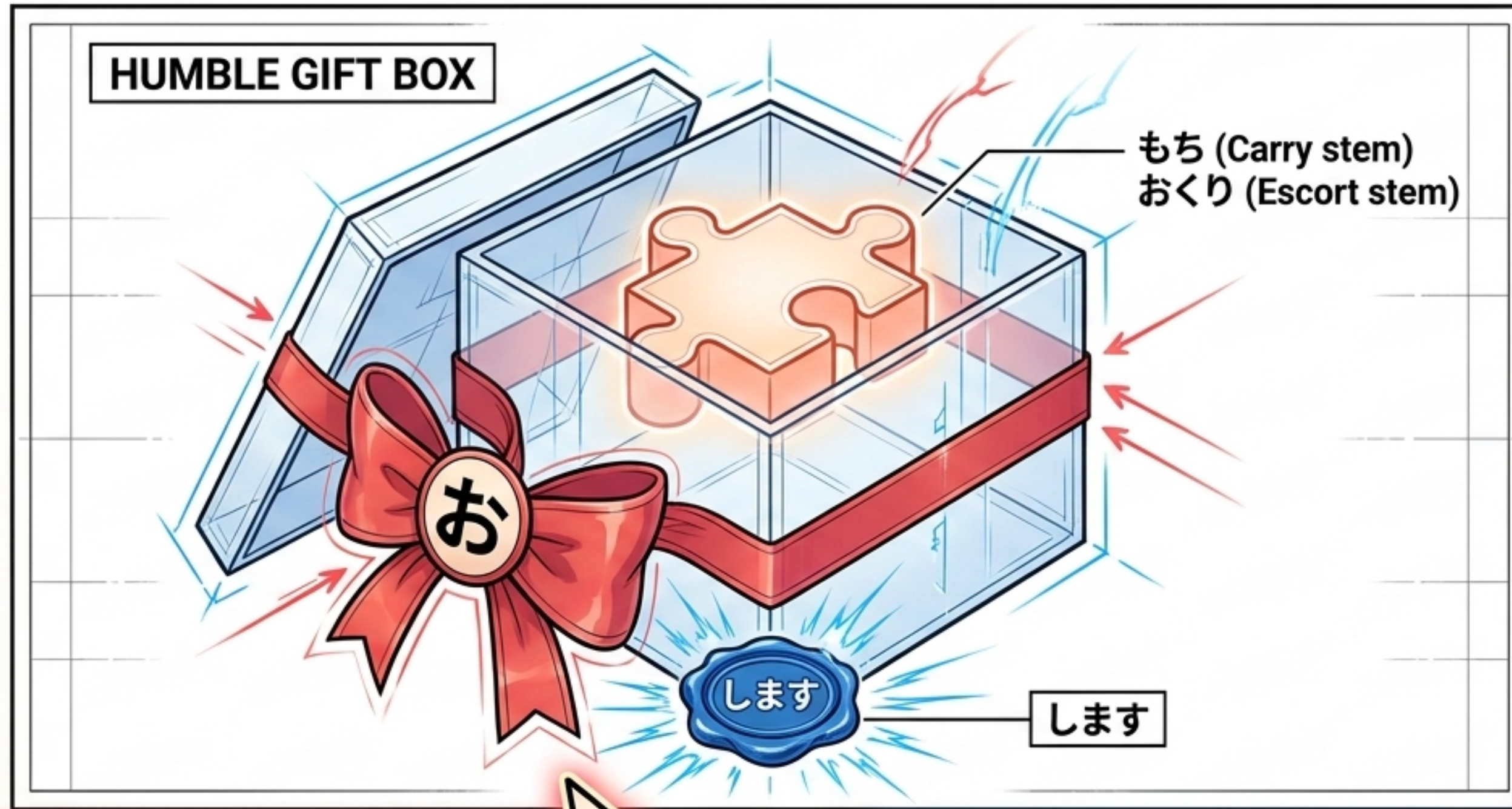


Ken's Explanatory Callout Box:

Lowering Your Own Action to Show Respect to the Recipient.



お + Verb ます-stem + します



mochimasu → o-mochi shimasu
(I will humbly carry)

okurimasu → o-okuri shimasu
(I will humbly escort)

ASSEMBLING A HUMBLE SENTENCE

MANGA FACTORY



わたしがお荷物を
おもちします。
(I will humbly carry your luggage.)

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Raya's Hack - KEIGO TRAP!

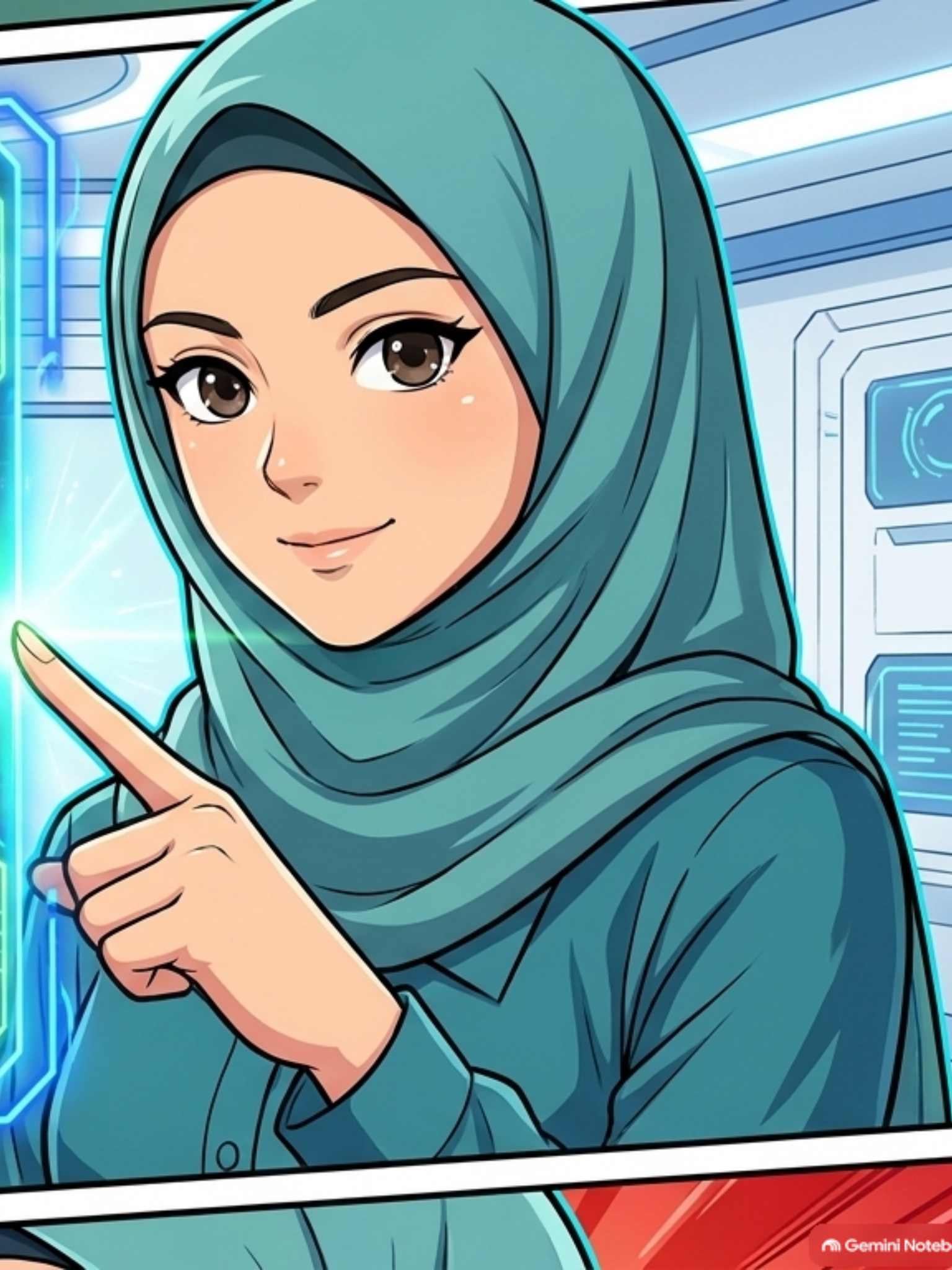
Kenjougo **MUST** involve or benefit the listener/superior!



Action benefiting a customer:
荷物をお持ちします
(I'll carry YOUR bag - Correct!)



Solo private action:
あした本をお買いします
(I'll buy a book for myself - WRONG!)



✗ Using Kenjougo for the Boss/Customer's Actions

「社長が
お持ちしました!」

Joy, don't lower the boss!

Kenjougo lowers the speaker's **OWN** actions.

If the boss or customer is carrying the bag,
you must use **Sonkeigo** (お持ちになりました):

○ 社長がお荷物をお持ちになりました
(The company president carried the luggage).

Kenjougo Cheat Sheet

Formula: お + Verbます-stem + します
(or いたします) (or いたします)

Function: Humble Expression (Kenjougo) for
your own actions benefiting others.

Golden Rule: Must involve or benefit a
customer, superior, or listener!

Boss's action

お持ちになります
(Sonkeigo - Elevates boss)

**My action
for boss**

お持ちします
(Kenjougo - Lowers self)

Examples: おもちします (I'll carry), おおくりします (I'll escort),
およびします (I'll call).

