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A Discussion of *Kokkyō no Minami, Taiyō no Nishi* (VI)

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This paper considers the symbols and meanings within *Kokkyō no Minami, Taiyō no Nishi*, whose two-part title translates as “South of the Border” and “West of the Sun”. While “South of the Border” suggests a world of procreation and life, “West of the Sun” suggests a world in which death extinguishes all. As a whole, the novel illustrates that the most essential element in human life is “West of the Sun” — that is, death.