

One night,
Emperor Ichijo
has a
strange dream

Here's
the message!



"KOKAJI" in Short

The Emperor sends
his men to
swordsmith Munechika

Do it!



and orders him
to forge a sword

Munechika the swordsmith



But he can't do it
without the help of his Aizuchi...

Aizuchi is a swordmaking partner



He goes to a local temple
and prays for an inspiration
to solve his conundrum



A child appears out of nowhere

I heard it!

I don't believe
in secrets!



The child tells Munechika to go for it



He says, "In China,
there's a legend
about the sword

that protected Emperor
with its magical aura."



"We the Japanese also have a similar sword story"



"Once upon a time, legendary Yamato Takeru got caught in an ambush"



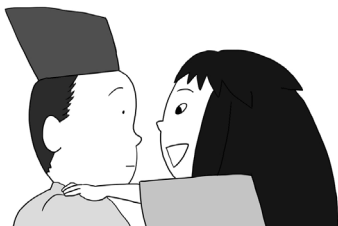
"He wielded his sword, and it caused a big storm and defeated the enemy"



✧ "He established peace in Japan with this sword"



The child says,
"Your sword will be no less important"



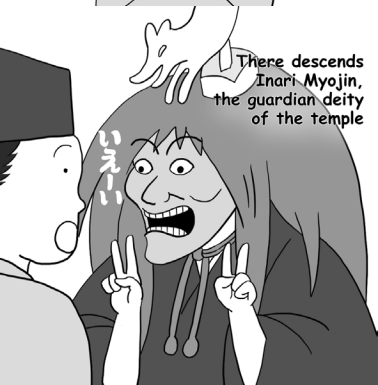
He disappears with
"Set up a sanctuary
in your workshop,
and everything will be fine"



Munechika follows his advice
and makes a sanctuary



There descends
Inari Myojin,
the guardian deity
of the temple



Inari offers to be his Aizuchi

