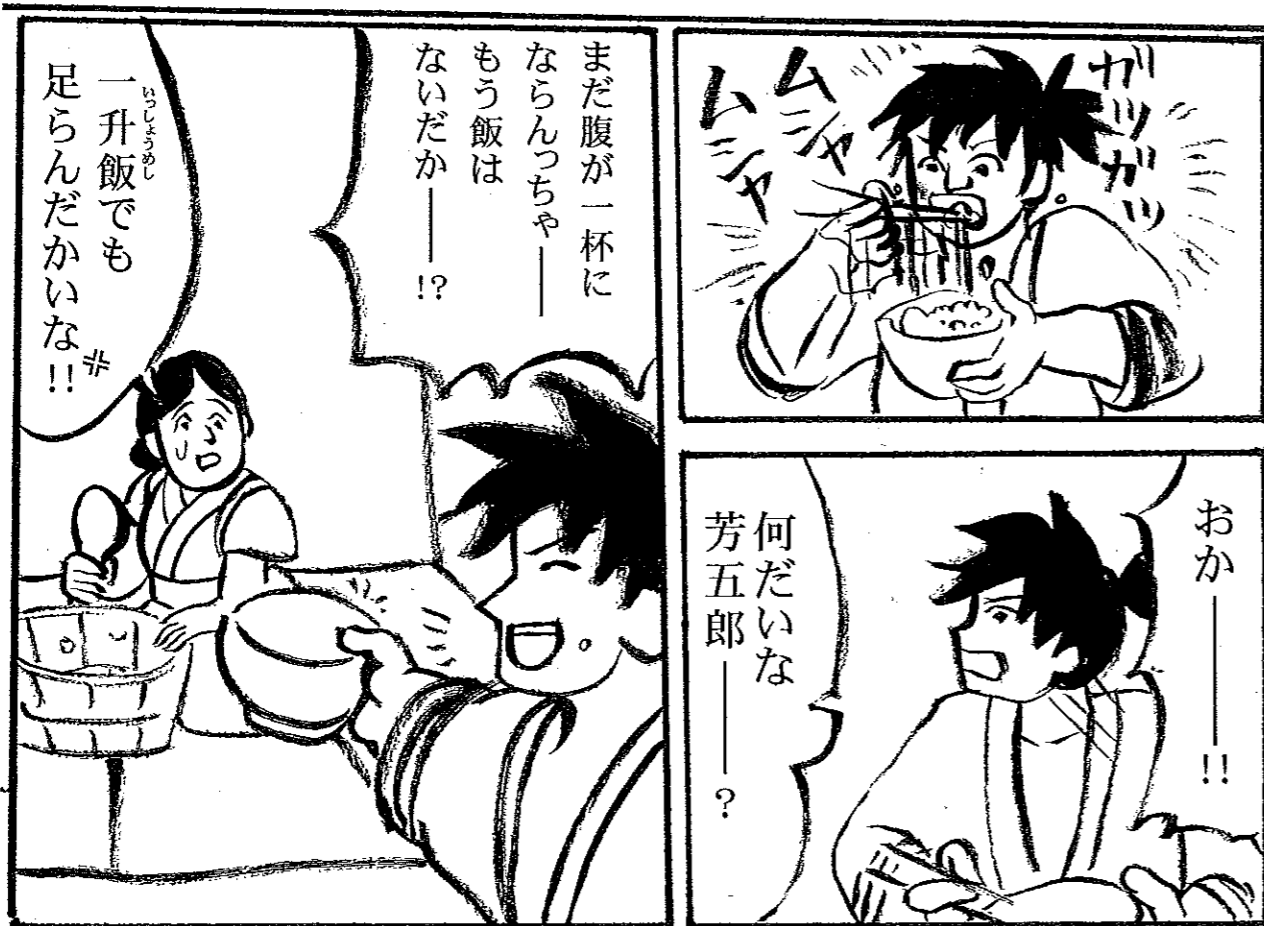


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Oguruma Bungorō (or Komatsu Yoshigorō)

At the end of the Edo period, many feudal lords across Japan were gathering strong wrestlers and organized tournaments.

This is the story of a young boy born during that time near Lake Koyama.

His name was Komatsu Yoshigorō, he was big and strong and had an enormous appetite.

(gobble)
(munch munch)

“Mo~m!”
“What is it, Yoshigorō?”

“I’m still hungry, no more rice left?”

“You ate a whole bucket and still want more?!”



じゃあ今度、わし家で二升飯炊いたるけん、食えるもんなら食ってみいや!!

何言つとるだいや!
二升飯ぢやなん
楽勝だつちや!!

おい芳五郎!
大食いだつちゆうけど
二升飯は食えん
だらー!!



なんとらーへん

おい!
飯食いに
来たで!

おかずは
何がええだー?

よう来たな!
飯は炊け
とるで!

おい!
おかし

"Hey, Yoshigorō! They call you a big eater, but we bet you can't eat two buckets!"

"Two buckets? No problem at all!"

"Well, then come over this evening, if you want to try. My family will be preparing two buckets."

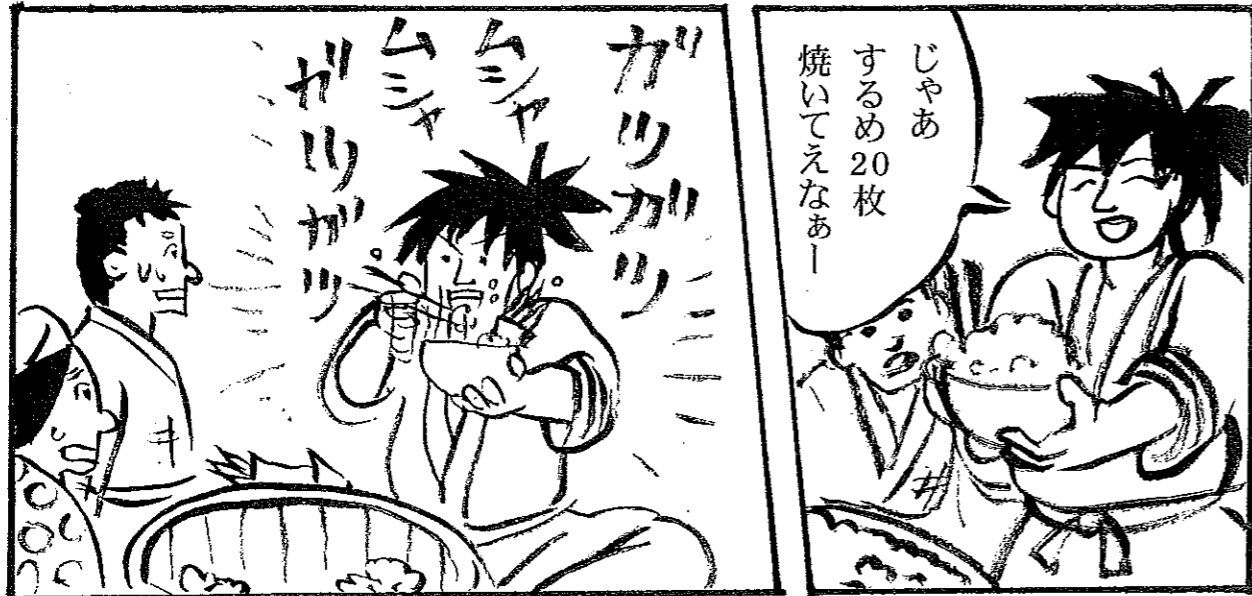
"Piece of cake!"

"Hello! Came to eat the rice!"

(That looks delicious!)

"There you are! Rice is ready"

"What do you want as a side dish?"



"Well, I'll have 20 slices of grilled dry squid then."

(munch munch)
(gobble gobble)

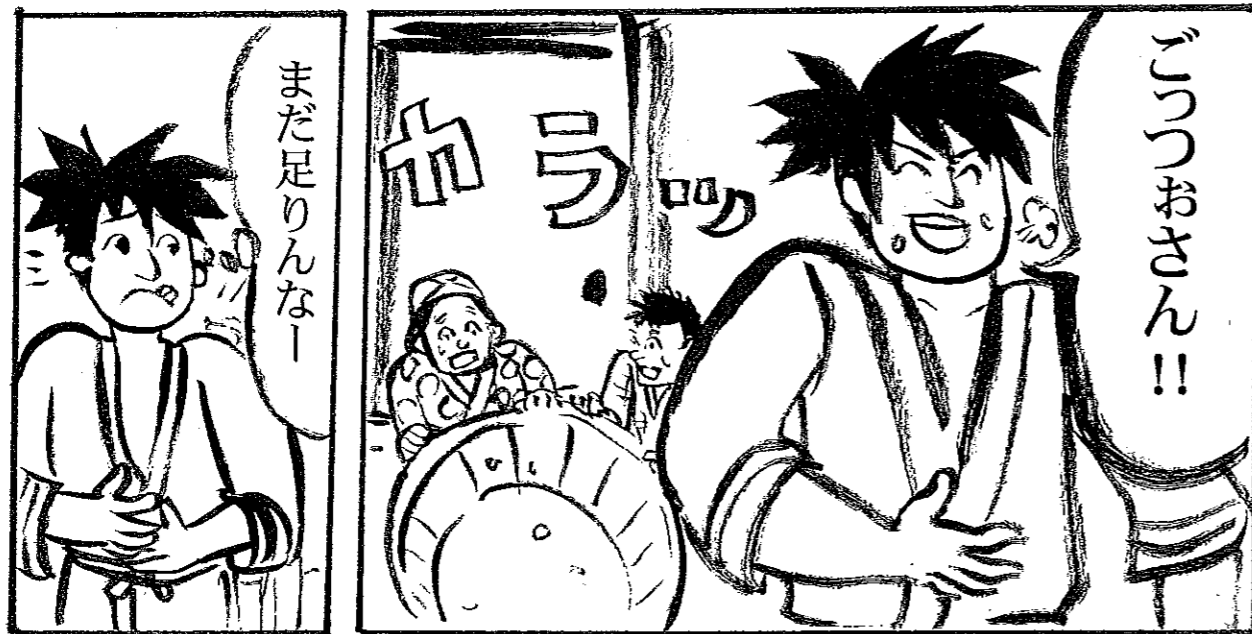
"Thanks for the meal!"
(empty)

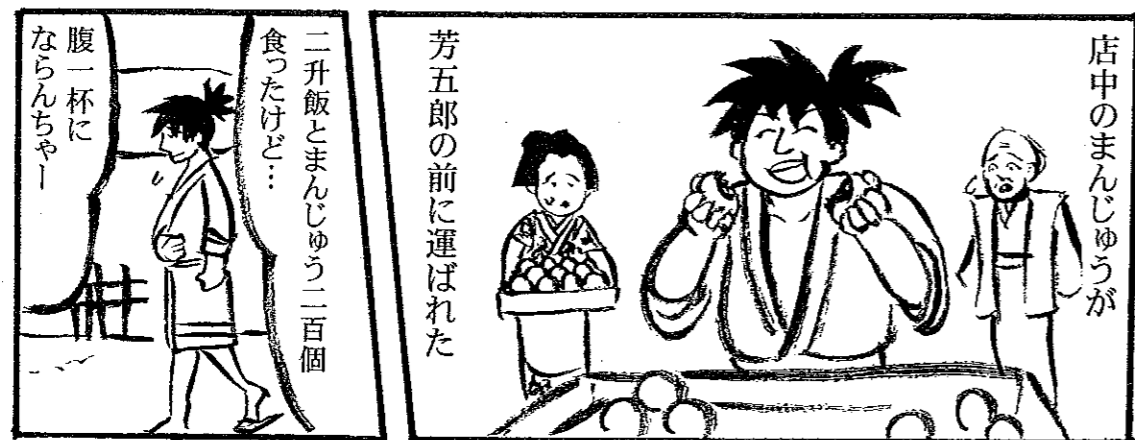
"Hm..still hungry"

"Ooh, delicious dumplings!"
(Dumplings)

"Hey, shop lady, I'll have 200 of those dumplings!"

(Wha..?)





And so Yoshigorō ate all of the shops dumplings.

"I had 2 buckets of rice and 200 dumplings..."
 "...but I'm still hungry."

"Hey mom, what are you cooking?"
 "Oh, I just steamed some sweet potatoes"

(munch munch)
 "Finally, I'm full!"

With his belly filled at last, Yoshigorō went to play with boulders in the garden.

"Yoshigorō!"
 "You are big and strong, don't you want to become a Sumō wrestler?"

And so Yoshigorō at the age of 16 went to Tokyo and entered a Sumō stable.

He advanced to the rank of 5th maegashira (his fighting name was Katsuyama Yoshizō) and later changed his name to Oguruma Bungorō under which he opened his own Sumō stable.

He trained many famous wrestlers such as the yokozuna Ōzutsu and the ōzeki Araiwa. The name Oguruma was handed down to stable master Sadogatake and even today many young wrestlers train in the spirit of Oguruma.

(Yoshigorō was 175cm tall)