

▲しこを踏む栃光関

熊本出身の力士中村有雄は、栃光という名前で活躍しました。厳しい練習に耐えて大関になった彼を支えたものは何だったのでしょうか。

熊本にも有名な力士がいるんだモン



Nakamura Ario was born in Fukami, Amakusa in 1933. His father worked hard on a mountain, but his family wasn't rich.

When Ario was ten years old, he found that his father's shoulder was badly swollen. So he wanted to help with his father's work. "Take me to your work," Ario said. "Working on the mountain is really dangerous. You don't have to go with me," his father said.

Ario didn't take his father's advice. He went to the mountain the next day. He carried big logs on his shoulder again and again. His father said, "Be careful, Ario." "It's OK. I can do it," Ario said. He never stopped carrying logs.



When Ario was eighteen years old, he became a member of the *Kasugano-beya*. He got up at 4:30 every morning and practiced hard. His forehead often

•was born 生まれた

•rich 裕福な

•shoulder 肩
•was badly swollen
ひどく腫れていた

•dangerous 危ない

•take one's advice
助言を受け入れる

•carried ~を運んだ
(carryの過去形)
•log 丸太

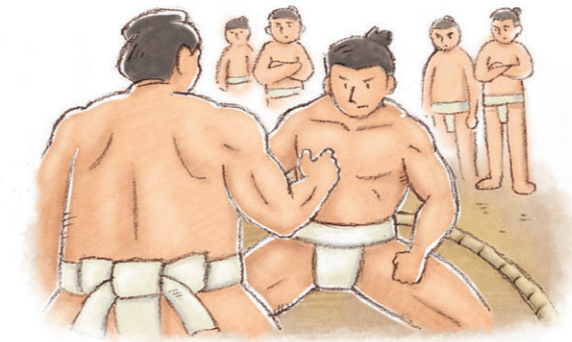
•again and again
何度も何度も

•Kasugano-beya
春日野部屋
•forehead 額

bled during the *keiko*. "Stop practicing," said his *oyakata*. But he didn't stop. He said, "I'll do my best for my family in Amakusa.

I feel the *keiko* is not so hard when I think of them." Soon he moved up in rank.

When Ario was *sekiwake*, he became sick, and he went down in rank. Some people said, "He can't become *ozeki*." But he never gave up. He practiced hard every day. In 1962, he moved up to *ozeki* at last.



•bled 出血した
•keiko けいこ

•oyakata 親方

•do one's best
ベストを尽くす

•hard きつい
•move up 昇進する
•rank 番付, 位

•sekiwake 関脇
(横綱, 大関に次ぐ地位)

•ozeki
大関(横綱に次ぐ地位)
•gave up あきらめた
•at last ついに



栃光さん, 本当に強かったんだモン



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土俵の上では一度も「待った」をしないまじめな人柄から、この小柄な「けいこの虫」栃光は名大関と呼ばれるようになりました。

経歴 | 1933…天草市深海町(旧天草郡深海村)に生まれる
1952…春日野部屋入門・初土俵
1962…大関昇進
1966…引退
1977…43歳の若さで他界

通算成績

577勝 431敗 11休

After Reading

- 一番心に残った英文はどれですか。友達と出し合い、選んだ理由を話し合ってみましょう。