

Okuni – Nushi – the kind Japanese Fairy

1. Answer the questions or frame questions for the given answers.

a. "There are more crocodiles than hares"

1. who said this?

This was spoken by the crocodile.

2. Where did the hare lived?

The hare lived on the island of Oki.

3. The crocodile lived in the sea.

Where did the crocodile live?

b. "Do you think it is possible for to call up enough crocodiles form a line from the Island across the ses to Inaba?"

1. who said these words?

These words were said by hare/ Mr. Harry

2. What was the motive of the speaker in making the crocodiles form a line from the Island across the sea to Inaba?

The motive of the speaker was that if the crocodiles fell in a line bridging the two islands, he would easily cross over to the island of Inaba without drowning in the water.

3. Was the speaker able to achieve what he wanted?

The speaker achieved what he wanted.

c. What did the crocodile do to the hare when they realized that the hare had played a trick on them?

The crocodiles got hold of the hare, bit him badly and threw him on the beach when they figured out that the hare had played a trick on them.

d. Why was the first man so unkind to the hare? Did his remedy work well?

The first man was unkind because he was cruel and unsympathetic towards the hare. The remedy did not work for the hare, instead it enhanced his pain.

e. What was the second mam tell the hare? Was it a good remedy? Did it heal the hare?

The second man told the hare to take a bath in the cool pond and after that to roll his body on a bed of fresh kaba flowers plucked from the bank of the pond. Yes, it was a good remedy and it healed the hare and made his fur grow back the way it was before.

f. Who was the man who helped the hare? What is his status in some parts of Japan?

The man who helped the hare was a fairy called Okuni-nushi-no-Mikoto. He is worshipped as a God in many parts of Japan.