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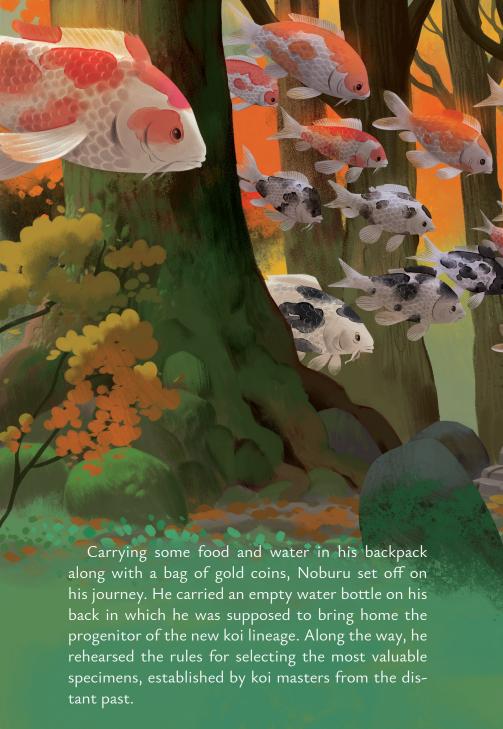
oburu's father was a well-known koi breeder, the twenty-ninth generation of ancient breeding masters.

These vividly-patterned fish were a symbol of their homeland and the best specimens were sold for a veritable fortune. One morning, when Noburu was twelve years old, his father sent him on his first trip



the famous market at the foot of the cone-shaped mountains, with which they would enrich their strains.

His father sent him on his way with stern words. "Buy one, and buy the best!"









met a girl dressed in rags, crying.

"Why are you crying?" he asked her cautiously.

He could barely make out the answer she sobbed.

"They are robbing my family of their property. Father was unable to repay a debt because lightning killed all the fish in the lake."



"So how much did he owe that they're robbing you of your entire estate?" Noburu asked.

She answered him and the sum almost completely matched what the boy was carrying in the bag. Something broke in him and he gave her all the gold coins, leaving only a few copper coins for himself. The girl was shocked by his act.



She looked at him with her big eyes, both cloudy and glazed with streams of clear tears.

"Thank you. My name is Senrigan. May the heavens reward you," she said, bowing deeply to him and then ran through the fern and underbrush.

