

Chatto Oiden (Come Quick)

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*1 City symbol of Toyohashi

*2 Traditional festival held in February to announce the arrival of spring

*3 Development Center for Children's Futures

ちゃっとおいでん

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The quail siblings Jan, Dara, and Rin were Hō-chan's best buddies.



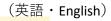
Today they played as always in the garden when a voice called out to Hō-chan.

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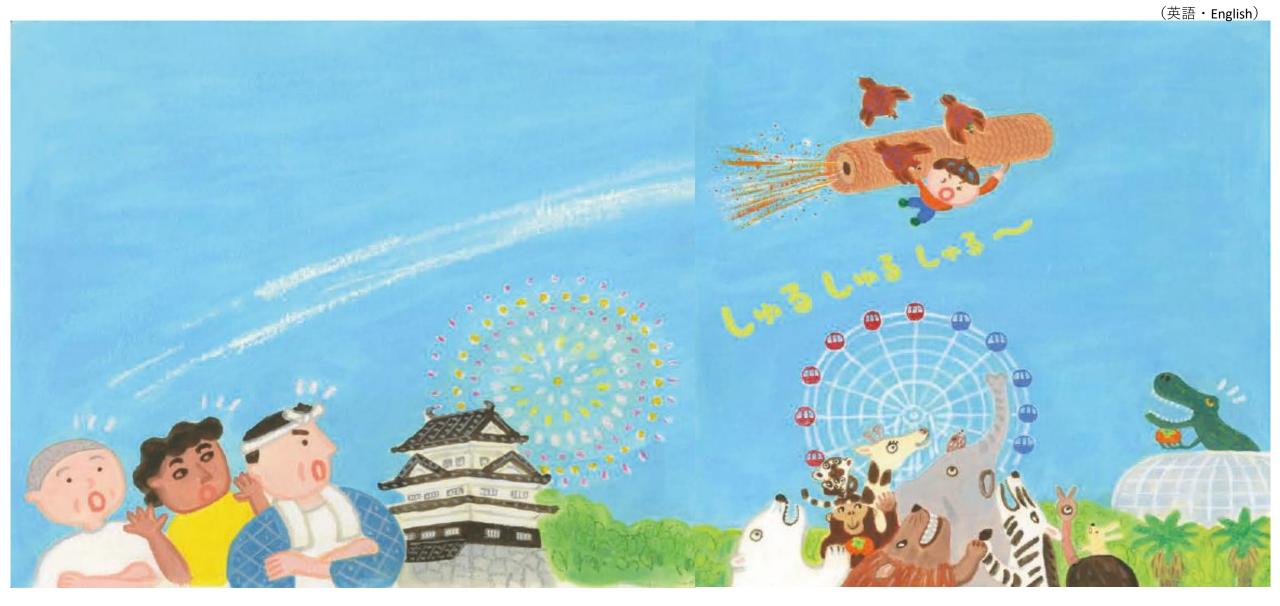
The friends scurried into the street, but there was not a soul to be seen calling out to Hō-chan.

Chatto Oiden (Come Quick) "Hey, it's coming from over there!" said Jan the quail.

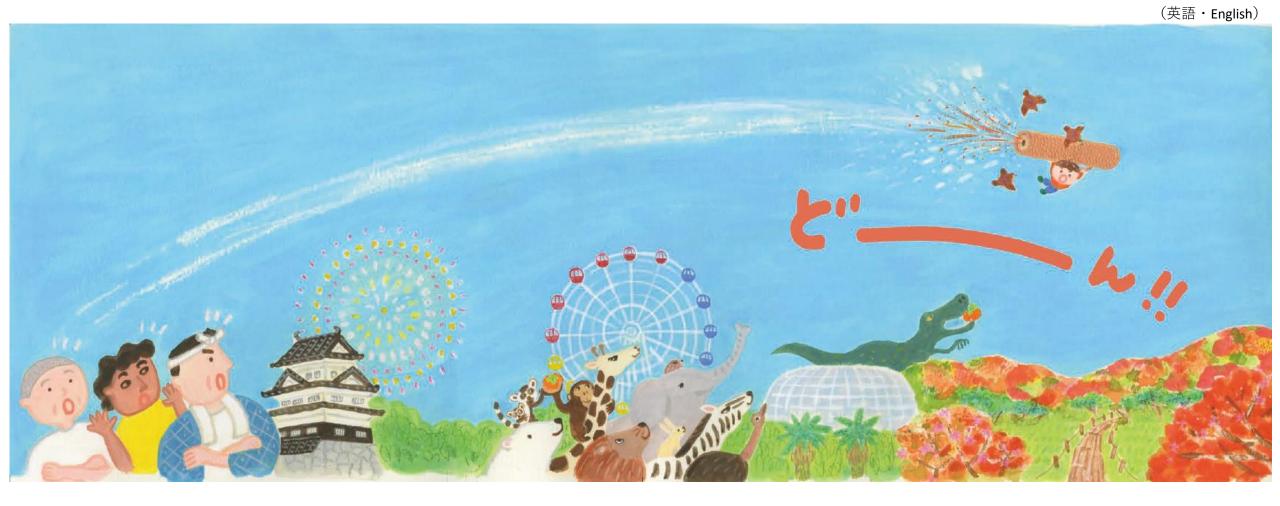




They continued in the direction of the voice and found the adults hard at work making something. "You wanna give it a shot?" asked a man. "Woah, it's huge!" said Hō-chan. ...wait a second. What the... what's happening?!



ShShShShShShShShSh~ (*the firework whizzed through the sky*)



Kaaaboooooom!!



Kerplunk!

Hō-chan landed smack dab in the middle of a cabbage patch, startling the workers there.

And then came the cry for help…

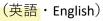
Chatto Oiden!! (Come Quick!!)

いそいで かけつけると、 あかおにが おおあばれを しています。 「こらー!だいじな キャベツに なにしてくれるだー!」 と、てんぐが あらわれました。 うずらの ダラも 「ほい、ほーちゃんも すけだちするだら!」

The group hurried toward the voice, and found a red oni causing a ruckus.

"Hey! What are you doing to our precious cabbages?!" said the tengu, who had just appeared.

"Hey, Hō-chan, you should help, too!" urged Dara the quail.



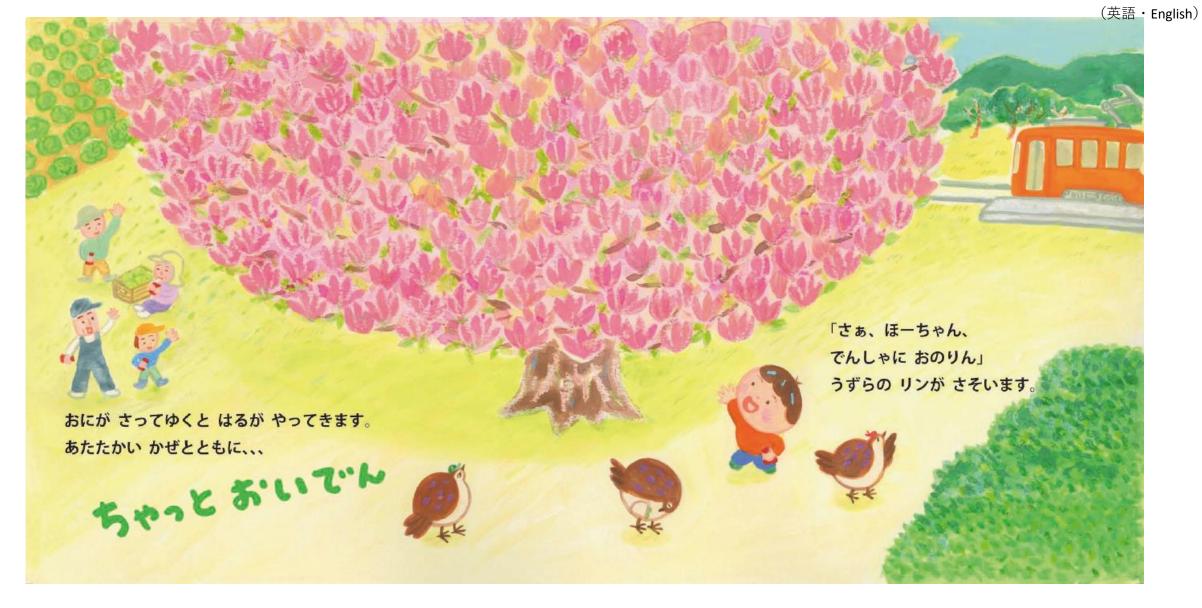


The tengu, skilled with his naginata blade, jabbed at the oni.

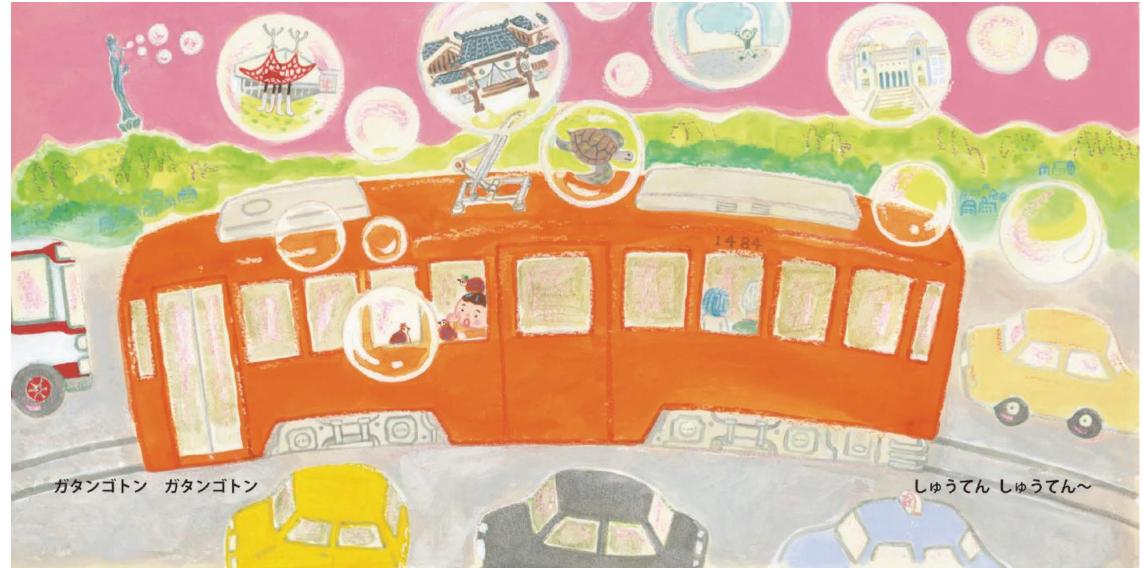
Hō-chan tickled his side.

The quail siblings also joined—pecking, pulling, snipping….

"Ouch! Ah hah hah! Aahh… choooo! Ahh! Not the horn! Anything but the horn!" At last the oni, having burst into tears, held out "tankiri ame" cough drops – said to prevent sickness for the entire year – as an apology.



The oni was driven away and spring came at last. Then, carried by a warm breeze… *Chatto Oiden (Come Quick)* "Come on, Hō-chan, let's hop on the train!" called Rin the quail.



Chug-a Chug-a Chug-a Chug-a

"This is the last stop on this train."



Oh, what's this? Hō-chan and friends had returned to the garden where they were playing. And then, this time from inside his home…

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"I'm back!" said Hō-chan as he burst into the home, and his mother spoke with a beaming smile. "The Oden's ready!"

*Oden is a Japanese hot pot dish



豊橋市からみなさまへ

このまちの子どもたちに、 自分の住むまちを好きになってほしい、 そんな願いを込めて絵本を制作しました。 ほーちゃんやうずらのきょうだいと一緒に、 絵本からあふれる「とよはし」を感じながら 楽しんでいただければ幸いです。

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春風のように「ちゃっとおいでん」と、だれかが呼ぶところには、きっといいことが待っている、 そんな気がしています。

ちゃっとおいでん

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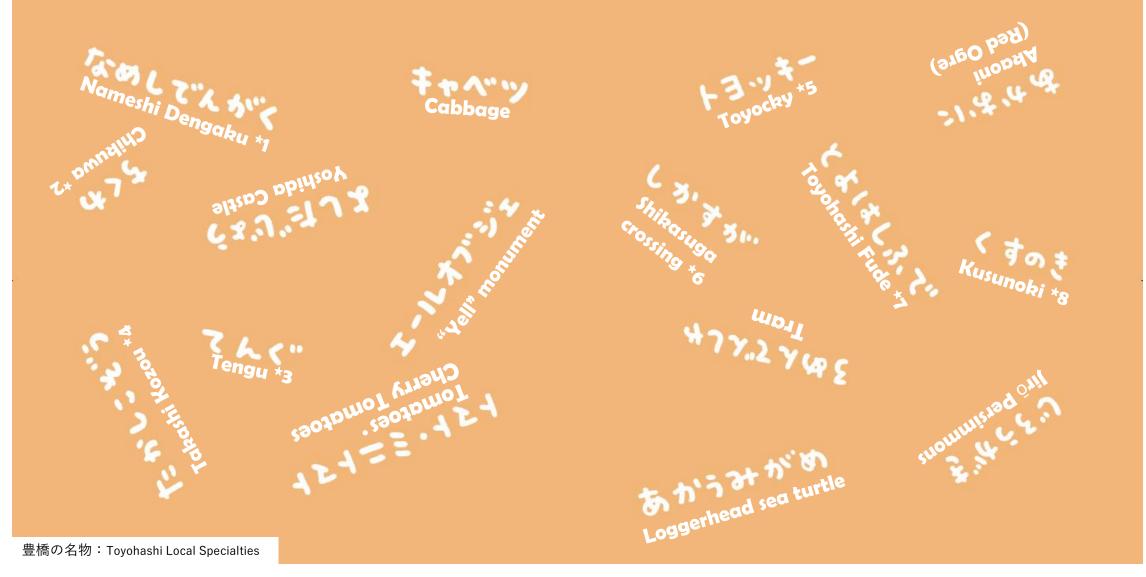


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Story and art by Hiroe Aoki, who was born in Toyohashi, Aichi Prefecture. ~A quick word from the author~ When *"Chatto Oiden*" is called out like a spring breeze, I feel that surely,

when "*Chatto Olden*" is called out like a spring breeze, I feel that surely, something good is waiting.

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- *8 Camphor Tree, the official tree of Toyohashi

