1. The Group of Ajari Yūkei Who Travels for Buddhist Training

A *Tsukurimono* of the hut with bush clovers (*shibaya*) covered by a piece of cloth is placed at the central rear of the stage. Yūkei and his companions appear in front of the hut.

Yūkei and Accompanying Priest

Our traveling attire is what mountain priests wear for their ascetic training. As we travel in this attire, our sleeves grow wet with dew and lose their crispness. (This shows the hardships of our journey.)

The man before you is Yūkei, a Buddhist monk of Tōkōbō in Yūkei Nachi, of the *ajari* rank.

Accompanying Priest

The primary training for the *yamabushi*, a mountain priest, is to venture out and devote himself to a pilgrimage to ask for alms.

Yūkei It is expected that every *yamabushi* in holy Kumano should make a pilgrimage as a tradition of those who belong to the Buddhist priesthood.

> So, this Yūkei holds a certain hope in mind, and determined to travel for ascetic practices in the provinces and departed the head temple in Nachi.

Accompanying Priest

I left the head temple in Nachi.

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祐慶と従僧 (台中央後方に、布に覆われた萩小屋(柴屋) 回 玉 修行

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そもそも山伏というものは、 身を捨て、 托鉢行脚することが修行の本分だ。

山 代が巡礼 し諸国修行を志すのは、仏門に身を置く者として当然の習わしである

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Yūkei and Accompanying Priest

We walked on rough roads and came far along the coast by the Kishū Road. We have passed Cape Shiono-misaki and Nishikino-hama Coast. Along this continuous hard journey, even our clothing has worn out. After traveling for days, we finally arrived at Adachigahara in the far northern provinces, of which we had heard. We arrived at Adachigahara.

Yūkei

As we hurried, we have already arrived at Adachigahara in the far northern provinces. But how terrible! The sun has already set. We cannot find any village nearby. Oh, there is a light flickering over there. Let us go and ask for lodging for the night.

2. Yūkei's Group Asks a Woman Living in the Hut for Lodging

A woman who seems to be in her middle years dwells in the hut. She recites a lament for her empty and painful life. Yūkei and his companions approach the hut and ask for lodging. Although the woman first hesitates to accept their request, she invites them in, responding to Yūkei's earnest request.

There is nothing sadder than one who has a desolate life. I am so weary of such a bitter life. I've had far too much of it. Autumn has come. The autumn wind at dawn pierces me and never eases my grief. Yesterday too ended in emptiness, and I feel the energy of life only when I doze in the night. How ephemeral my life is!

Would you please allow us inside your house? Yūkei

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The following phrases are used by some schools.

Yūkei

We are a group of monks traveling around the provinces for ascetic Buddhist training. Could you kindly grant us a place to stay for one night?

Woman

This is too humble a house to offer someone to stay in. I cannot provide you with a night's lodging.

Yūkei

Mistress of this house, please listen. We have come to this far northern province for the first time, but the sun has set in Adachigahara and we have nowhere at all to stay and sleep tonight. Please take mercy on us. Let us stay for one night.

Woman

This is a remote house in the wilderness. Winds violently rustle the pine trees. The moon shines into the house from the cracks in the roof. How can I invite you to such a house to stay for the night?

(This is a remote hut in a wilderness. Winds rustling the pine trees go through this hut made of brushwood. How can I ask you to stay in such a place?)

Yūkei

Although we are travelers who rest our heads on the grass instead of on a pillow, we hope to gain lodging where we may sleep for just one night. Please, give us a place to stay tonight.

Woman

This is a place that even the house owner, who is used to the surroundings, thinks horrible...

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あまりにもみすぼらしいところですから、 お宿はお貸しいたしませんよ。

の修行 の者です。 の宿をお貸しください。 *以下、

女

内の台詞は、 流儀によって異なる場合を示す。 Yūkei

Could you please manage to let us stay... For those pleading monks, the brushwood door is once...

Woman shut. However, upon reconsideration, it seems that you are in difficult circumstances.

Group Reciters

In that case, please come in. She opens the door. They put out a mat of weeds. They have put out a mat of weeds and are preparing to sleep on that night. How pitiful. They forcibly secured their accommodation, but their sleeves will grow completely wet with dew. They sleep in close, shabby quarters. How hard the bed on a journey is. How hard the bed on a journey is.

3. Yūkei Sets Eyes on an Unfamiliar Device

Yūkei sets his eyes on a spinning wheel and asks the woman to show them how to spin thread. The woman sits down in front of the wheel and spins thread.

Yūkei I truly appreciate your kindness in giving us lodging tonight. By the way, there is something unfamiliar to me over there. May I ask you what it is?

Woman Yes, it is a spinning wheel, which is used by humble women like myself.

Yūkei I see. Very interesting. Would you show us how to use it tonight as usual?

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The woman laments her circumstances. Yūkei admonishes the woman. Spinning the wheel, the woman blames her wavering mind. While remembering her glamorous past, she sheds tears for the sorrow of life, which requires her to live long after she has lost her youthfulness.

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which is as fragile as a dream?

blue and white strings.

to celebrate the birth of Kamo Deity

How shameful! Though I was born to a human, I am afflicted by having such a bitter life in this vulnerable world. What a tearful

You tell your story with such pathos. Your way will connect to the

Although you are pressed to continue your daily life in this harsh

world, if your heart meets Buddha's teachings, you will eventually

attain the condition of becoming a buddha, even without praying

Earth, water, fire, and wind — these four elements temporarily

combine in order to create a human. We are repeatedly reborn

and die in a cycle of life in the five worlds of beings – the worlds of

the devas, of humans, of starving ghosts, of animals, and the hells

- or the six worlds of beings which consist of the five worlds and

the world of malevolent-nature spirits. This is caused solely by the

illusions of the soul. We shall consider the helplessness of humans,

no one stays young forever; everyone eventually grows old. How

can one can be sure that he or she will not be tired of such a life,

Well, the person, who visited the house of moonflower at Gojō in

was a renowned man who wears a headdress with fringe made of

It is said that the ox carriage decorated beautifully for the festival

Buddha's way when you gain control over your life.

Woman

Reciters

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Yūkei and Accompanying Priest

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Reciters

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Kurozuka /	Adachigahara (Black Mound / Adachigahara)	Story
Woman	was covered with colorful strings.	
Reciters	When drooping cherry trees are in full bloom	
Woman	it is the dusk of spring when many people go out.	
Reciters	In autumn, will the ear of the pampas glass	
Woman	grow long waiting for the moon at night?	
Reciters	Just as the thread spun by an ignoble woman,	
Woman	I think of the pain and bitterness of serving for a long time. Thinking of such things all night, I cry through the night alone a plover on the Akashi Coast. I cry through the night alone like plover on the Akashi Coast.	

5. Woman Who Goes Out to Get Firewood Strictly Cautions the Guests

The woman tells Yūkei that she is going out into the mountain to gather firewood to keep off the cold. She has her guests adamantly promise not to look into her bedroom while she is out. After repeatedly cautioning them, she leaves for the mountain while showing her reluctance.

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鮮やかな糸毛の車であったと聞く。

長 人々が 糸桜が 長く生きながらえる命の辛さ、 月の夜を待つの にただひとり 今また賤 く生きなが 盛りの色を見せて咲く頃とは 山繰り出す、 した秋の糸薄は 77 らえる命 女が繰る糸のように 声を上げ でしょうか 春の夕暮れどき。 0 辛さ、 て泣き明 厳しさを、 厳 かす、 しさを、 ただひとり 61 続け

五 薪 取 り に

出る 女、 祐慶らを 堅く 戒 め て泣き明かす。

声を上げ

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女は夜寒をしのぐ 、ため、 山に薪を取りに行くと告げる。 留守中 ・に自分 の寝室を決 て見な 61

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Kurozuka / Adachigahara	(Black Mound / Adachigahara)
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Woman Well, excuse me, guest monks.

Yes, madam. How may I help you? Yūkei

As it is a very cold night, I am going up on the hill behind my house Woman to gather firewood and would like to welcome you with a fire.

Would you mind waiting for a while?

Thank you for your kindness. We shall wait for you then. Please Yūkei come back soon. (I am grateful for your kindness; however, I can hardly imagine that a woman goes out into the dark night.)

I travel a familiar path, so I will be fine. Woman

Yūkei

I see. In that case, please come back soon.

Yes, I will come back in a hurry. Oh, I have to tell you one thing. You must not look into my bedroom while I am out.

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Certainly, madam. We promise not to look inside. Please rest Yūkei

assured. (No guest monk will peep into his host's bedroom.)

I am glad to hear that. Do not look in my room. Nor should the Woman

mountain priests over there.

Accompanying Priest

I understand.

[Interlude]

6. The Temple Servant Serving Yūkei Looks into the Woman's Bedroom

Among Yūkei's companions, one temple servant who does some menial work guesses from her unusual strictness that the woman must be hiding something. He requests Yūkei to look into the woman's bedroom; however, Yūkei does not allow him to do so, in order to keep his promise. The servant still cannot restrain his curiosity and finally after everyone falls fast asleep, he peeps into her bedroom. In the room he finds a pile of corpses. He is petrified with terror and reports it to Yūkei in a panic.

Story

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7. Yūkei's Group Flee Helter-skelter

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不思議 なこと \mathcal{O} 主 \mathcal{O} 寝室をそっ 覗 61 7 0 が数えきれ

皮膚も脂肪も爛 高さまで積み げ n 7 5 n 7 61 る。 61 る。 膿 ああ や 血 が 溶 け は噂 み、 に聞 腐臭が 満 安達原の黒塚に籠もる鬼 ちて死体 が膨 n が

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祐慶と従僧

慌てふ ためき、 肝をつぶ

祐慶と従僧

どこへ行くあてもなく、

ただただ足に任せて逃げて行

足に任せて逃げて行く

Oh my goodness! Oddly enough, when I look into the bedroom of Yūkei the house owner, numberless corpses are piled up to the eaves. The floor is covered with pus and blood, and the room is filled with the stench of discomposing. The corpses are swollen, and the dead skin and fat are putrefied. This place must be the house of the ogre rumored to be dwelling in the Black Mound in Adachigahara.

Upon hearing the report of the servant, Yūkei and his accompanying priests

realize that they are in the house of an ogre and run away in a great panic with

look inside the woman's bedroom and are astounded by the scene. They

Accompanying Priest

only the barest belongings.

What a terrible thing we have seen! This is what the old poem says, "Is it true that an ogre lives at the place named Kurozuka (Black Mound) in Adachigahara in the far northern provinces?"

Yūkei and Accompanying Priest

We are thrown into a panic and are frightened.

Accompanying Priest

We are thrown into a panic and are frightened.

Yūkei and Accompanying Priest

Without apparent destination, we let our feet just run in any direction. We just flee from this place to some other place!

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8. Ogre Chases. Yūkei and His Companions Pray

The woman who is transformed into a female ogre furiously chases the group as they have broken their promise. When Yūkei and his companions singlemindedly pray, the ogre disappears with a night storm.

[hayafue]

This is music to indicate the entrance of a demonic deity. A Japanese flute performs in a dramatic and high tone, with small and large hand drums and a drum. It is sometimes *dewa* (one of the pieces of music for entrance) instead of hayafue.

Female Ogre

Stop, you fleeing mountain priests! You looked inside my bedroom although I sternly forbade you to do so. I will inflict revenge on you for breaking your promise!

The flames of rage burning in my heart are as furious as the smoke emitted from the palace in Xianyang which burned for months at the time of the collapse of the Qin Dynasty. The flames furiously blazed up into the sky.

Reciters The gust comes through a field and down from the mountain.

Thunder and lightening fill the earth and the sky. Ogre

Story

鬼女

鬼神の 登場を示す登場 楽。 小 \mathcal{O} 鼓 に 太鼓 が 子 \mathcal{O} 笛 0 が

[出端/出羽:同じく登場楽の一種] 0 場合も

そこを行 たこの 恨みを晴らさず Ш 伏たちよ、 には 待て。 お あ n 0 ほ ど隠 7 61 た私 0 寝室を見たな。 約 東を破

を焦が す怒 ŋ Ó 炎は、 秦が 滅 Ű た時 く燃え続けたとい わ n

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雷や稲 野風や 山風が 妻が天地に満ちて 吹きおろ

鬼女

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Kurozuka / Adachigahara (Black Mound / Adachigahara)

Clouds suddenly cover the sky, and a hard rain strikes the ground Reciters

at night.

The ogre tries to gulp down the mountain priests at one swallow. Ogre

Her footfalls approach. Reciters

Her raised iron stick horribly... Ogre

moans in the air. It is so terrible.

[prayer]

In keeping with brisk music performed by the Japanese flute, small and large hand drums, and drum, the female ogre raises her beating stick and attacks Yūkei. Yet the ogre is finally overwhelmed by the prayer of Yūkei's group.

Yūkei Trailokyavijaya (Gōzanze-myōō) in the east,

Accompanying Priest

Kundali (Gundari-yasha) in the south,

Yūkei Yamantaka (Daiitoku-myōō) in the west,

Accompanying Priest

Vajrayaksa (Kongō-yasha) in the north,

Story

西方には大威徳明王まします

北方に

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祐慶と従僧

Yūkei Acala (Dainichi-Daishō-Fudō-myōō) in the center,

Yūkei and Accompanying Priest

Ōnkorokoro sendarimatougi, onabiraunkensowaka, untaratakanman!

Reciters

One who sees my body will have a desire to pursue the way of the Buddha. One who sees my body will have a desire to pursue the way of the Buddha. One who listens to my name will break with evil and behave properly. One who listens to my preaching will acquire the wisdom of Buddha, and the one who understands my heart will immediately be enlightened and become a buddha.

Ogre, be enlightened and become a buddha now with the holy power of this spell! Holy Acala, please bind the female ogre with the *kongōsaku* in your hand and punish the ogre. Yūkei and the priest assail and beat the ogre with their prayers. We gave you a lesson, ogre!

Until a moment before, Ogre

the female ogre, who was raging until a moment before, is instantly weakened. She cowers, is dazzled, and staggers. Although I have been hiding in the Black Mound in Adachigahara, I was discovered. How shameful! What a shameful look I have! Her shout is still horrendous.

Leaving behind horrendous shouts, the female ogre disappears in the moans of the night storm. She vanishes with the shouts into the stormy night.

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唵呼噜呼: 嚕旋茶利摩登義枳。 唵 阿毘羅吽 欠娑婆呵。 - 多羅 咤干

-央には大日 大聖不動明王まします

Kurozuka / Adachigahara

(Black Mound / Adachigahara)

Synopsis

Ajari (a senior-ranking Buddhist monk) Yūkei, who practices ascetic disciplines at Tōkōbō in Nachi, in the province of Kii (present-day Wakayama Prefecture), travels through the provinces for Buddhist training with mountain priests and his followers. One day, the group reaches a far northern province. When they arrive at Adachigahara (the foot of Mount Adatara in current Fukushima Prefecture), the sun has set. They visit a shabby house, which is the only one in the area. A woman, who seems significantly aged, lives in the house. Although Yūkei asks her for one night's lodging for himself and the others, she declines his request, as it would be too embarrassing to have them stay in such a shabby place. The group has nowhere else to go, however, so he implores her for help until she finally accepts the request.

In the house Yūkei finds something unfamiliar and he asks the woman what it is. She answers that it is a spinning wheel for spinning thread, which is a work for someone ignoble as her. While showing how to use the wheel responding Yūkei's request, the woman laments her misfortune that she cannot free herself from her bitter karma in this uncertain world and feelingly describes the evanescence of this world. The night has deepened. The woman announces to Yūkei that she must go out to gather firewood to keep off the cold and makes the party promise that they will not look into her bedroom while she is out.

While waiting for her, one of Yūkei's followers however cannot restrain himself, and despite of Yūkei's warning, he peeps into her bedroom. There he finds a number of dead bodies piled up high. She is an ogre, the one who has been rumored to reside at Kurozuka in Adachigahara.

Enraged that her secret has been revealed, the woman transforms herself into the form of an ogre and chases Yūkei's group, who stumble as they flee. Although she tries to catch and eat them, when Yūkei and the others pray with all their strength, the ogre is completely weakened and vanishes within the night storm.

Highlight

This Noh drama is one of the three female ogre stories, together with "Dōjō-ji (Dōjō-ji Temple)" and "Aoi no Ue (Lady Aoi)." Therefore, *nochi-shite* (the second-half lead part) wears the mask of *Hannya*. This mask embodies the resentment and fierce obsession of women; its horrible look gives us an impression that it is not just a weird monster but that it deeply expresses the sadness of human beings, which *hannya* still feels.

The woman's narration in the first half of drama sounds philosophical and persuades the audience to think that the woman must have found the truth of life. It is deeply poetic and even creates the solitary atmosphere of autumn. The woman however becomes enraged and turns out to be an ogre because someone broke the promise and looked into her bedroom, which she never wishes to be seen. Her horrendous transformation is perceived as even more fearful when it is linked with the atmosphere at the foot of the mountain in the lonely far northern province.

In this piece you can thoroughly enjoy "shade and shadow" in various respects.

Schools All five. It is called "Adachigahara" in the Kanze school while is

"Kurozuka" in the other schools.

Category a fifth group noh, kirinoh-mono; inori-mono

Author Unknown (According to tradition, the author could be Konparu

Zenchiku or Zeami.)

Subject "Shūishū"

Season Autumn (August in the lunar calendar)
Scenes Adachigahara in Iwashiro Province

Tsukurimono a hut with bush clover (shibaya) in front of small and large hand

drums. A spinning wheel at the center front of the stage.

Characters Mae-shite a woman living in Adachigahara

Nochi-shite a female ogre

Waki Ajari Yūkei, affiliated with Tōkōbō in Nachi
Waki-tsure a mountain priest, accompanying Yūkei

Ai a temple servant following the mountain priest

Masks Mae-shite Fukai, Ōmionna, or Shakumi

Nochi-shite Han'nya

Costumes Mae-shite kazura, kazura-obi (belt for a wig), karaori in

kinagashi-style, kitsuke / surihaku.

Nochi-shite a headband with color, a long red wig,

awase-happi (lined happi-style kimono), kitsuke / atsuita, hangire (a type of hakama trousers), koshi-obi (belt), a stick for beating,

and some firewood on the shoulder.

Waki tokin (headdress worn by mountain priests and

tengu goblins), suzukake (ball-shaped decorations for the costume of mountain priests), mizugoromo (a type of knee-length kimono), kitsuke/atsuita with a large check pattern, hakama in ökuchi-style (white), koshi-obi, a small sword, a fan, and Buddhist

prayer beads.

Waki-tsure similar to waki, except kitsuke/muji-noshime

(noshime-style kimono with no pattern). nōriki-zukin (a hood for a temple servant), mizugoromo, kitsuke / muji-noshime, kukuri-bakama (a way of wearing hakama trousers, tucking the bottoms up at the knee

with a string), koshi-obi, and a pair of gaiters.

Number of scenes Two

Length About 1 hour and 20 minutes

Ai

黒塚/安達原(くろづか/あだちがはら)

あらすじ

紀伊国(今の和歌山県)那智、東光坊の修験者、阿闍梨花慶は、同行の山伏らと共に、諸国を巡る修行の旅を続けていました。ある日、陸奥に辿り着いた一行は、人里離れた安達原(今の福島県安達太良山麓)夕暮れを迎えてしまいます。そこに一軒だけあったあばら家を訪ねたところ、相応に年齢を重ねたと見える、女の一人住まいでした。祐慶たちは、女に一夜の宿を頼みますが、あまりにもみすぼらしいから、といったん断られます。あてのない一行は重ねて頼み込み、何とか泊めてもらうことになりました。

家の中で祐慶は、見慣れない道具を見つけ、女に尋ねます。すると 女は、枠棒輪という糸繰りの道具であり、自分のような賎しい身分の者 が取り扱うのであると答え、祐慶の求めに応じて糸繰りの様子を見せま す。女は、辛い浮き世の業から離れられない我が身を嘆き、儚い世を しみじみ語ります。夜も更け、女は夜寒をしのぐために薪を取りに行く と祐慶に告げ、留守中に決して自分の寝室を覗かないようにと念押しし て出ていきます。

ところが祐慶の従者のひとりは我慢できず、祐慶に戒められながらも、 とうとう女の部屋を覗いてしまいます。すると、そこにはおびただしい 数の死骸が山のように積まれているではありませんか。女は、安達原の 黒塚に住むと噂にのぼっていた鬼でした。

慌てて逃げ出す祐慶たちに、鬼に変身した女が、秘密を暴かれた怒りに燃えて追いかけ、取って食らおうとします。しかし祐慶たちが、力を振り絞って祈り伏せると、鬼女は弱り果て、夜嵐の音に紛れるように姿を消しました。

みどころ

この能は、「道成寺」「葵上」とともに三鬼女と呼ばれ、後シテは般若の面をかけます。般若の面は、女の恨みや執心を具象化していますが、恐ろしいながらも、ただのおどろおどろしい妖怪変化ではなく、どこか人間の悲哀を残した深みのある表情が印象的です。

また前半で人生の真理に到達したかのような女の、哲学的とさえいえるような語りは深い詩情を伴い、秋の物寂しい風情をも醸します。ところが、約束を破られ、決して見られたくなかった閨を見られたことから、女が激しい憤りの鬼と化してしまう。そのすさまじい変化が、寂しい陸奥の山麓という土地の雰囲気と結びついて、恐ろしさをいや増すのです。

いろいろな意味で、陰影の深さをじっくりと味わえる能といえるでしょう。

流儀 五流にあり。観世流では「安達原」、他流は「黒塚」と呼ぶ

分類 五番目物、切能物、祈物

作者 不明(金春禅竹あるいは世阿弥とする説もあり)

題材 「拾遺集」 季節 秋(旧暦8月) 場面 岩代国安達原

作り物 大小前に萩小屋 (柴屋)、正先に枠桛輪 (わくかせわ)

登場人物 前シテ 安達原の女

後シテ 鬼女

ワキ 那智・東光坊の阿闍梨祐慶(あじゃりゆうけい)

ワキツレ 同行の山伏(1名)

アイ 山伏の従者の能力(のうりき)

面 前シテ 深井、または近江女、曲見(しゃくみ)

後シテ 般若

装束 シテ 蔓、蔓帯、唐織着流し、着付・刷箔

後シテ 色鉢巻、赤頭(あかがしら)、袷法被(あわせはっぴ)、着付・厚板、半切、

腰帯、打杖、負柴(おいしば)

ワキ 兜巾、篠懸、水衣、着付・大格子厚板 (おおごおしあついた)、白大口、

腰帯、小刀、扇、数珠

ワキツレ ワキに準じる。ただし、着付・無地熨斗目(むじのしめ)

アイ 能力頭巾(のうりきずきん)、水衣、着付・無地熨斗目、括袴、腰帯、

脚絆

場数 二場 上演時間 約1時間20分

黒塚/安達原(くろづか/あだちがはら)

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