Brave Hound Shippei-Tarou *shippeitarou*

Long ago, there were a little girl who lost her parents. She was not alone, living with a brave dog, Shippei-Taro. Shippei-Taro showed its sharp fangs to attack bears, he swiftly jumped to catch the flying birds.

The good reputation of Shippei-Taro, reached to a greedy wealthy man. He strongly wished to own the brave dog, and asked the little girl to rent him Shippei-Taro for three days. The little girl did not want to be apart from Tato, but she was not allowed to reject the wealthy man's request, as her parents passed away, owing him a heap of debts.

Three days passed, but the wealthy man did not send Shippei-Taro back to the girl. She had no choice but to go hunting alone. When she was attacked by a wild dog, she called the name of Shippei-Taro. Shippei-Taro ran away from the wealthy man's house to rescue the girl.

Although the little girl was saved from danger, the wealthy man got angry that Shippei-Taro did not obeyed him, and he kicked them out from the village. The girl and the dog wandered from place to place, and finally reached to a port village. There was an annual custom of sacrificing a girl to protect the village from tidal waves. As there was no girl in the village to sacrifice, people confined the girl in a shrine to be offered as a sacrifice.

After all the villagers went back to their homes, Shippei-Taro stayed inside the shrine instead of the girl. After a while, thunders rumbled and the winds got stronger. When Shippei-Taro found a huge monster came closer to the shrine, he jumped up on the monster and bit the monster's throat.

The monster disappeared and an old raccoon dog turned up. Shippei-Taro got rid of the raccoon dog, and somehow, turned into a young man. It was the god who changed Shippei-Taro into a human being. Shippei-Taro spent happy time with his sweet girl ever after.