

Wolf Ladder *ōkami-no hashigo*

The grand father of Ms. Hoya Tora loved fishing. When the grand father was fishing for sweet fish (*ayu*) at the Tama River, a wolf came around. The wolf expected to have some of the grand father's fish. The wolf tends to follow after someone who carry fish.

The grand father climbed up the mountain to escape from the wolf. The wolf cannot climb the tree. That time, however, the wolf called his friend wolfs, and piled up one after another and formed a ladder to climb up the tree. The wolfs try anything they can to reach and eat fish.

[*Kanagawa-ken Mukashibanashi-shū* (The Old Tales of Kanagawa), vol. 1, p.41.]