



The Boy from the Golden Peach

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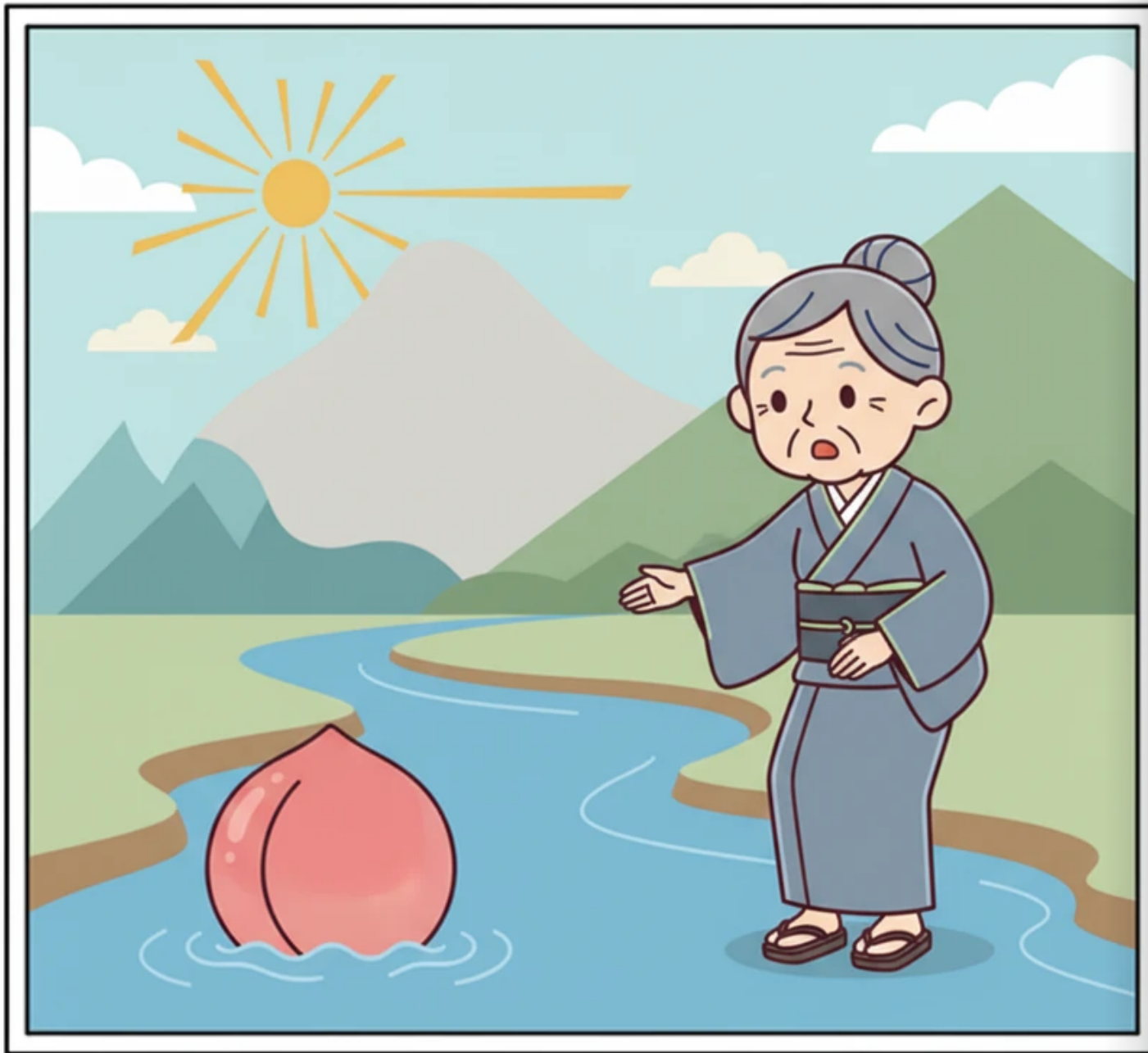


Deep in a lush green valley, a kind old woman named Obaasan kneels by the edge of a crystal-clear river to wash her laundry. The morning sun sparkles on the water as she hums a gentle tune, surrounded by blooming cherry blossoms and the soft sounds of nature.



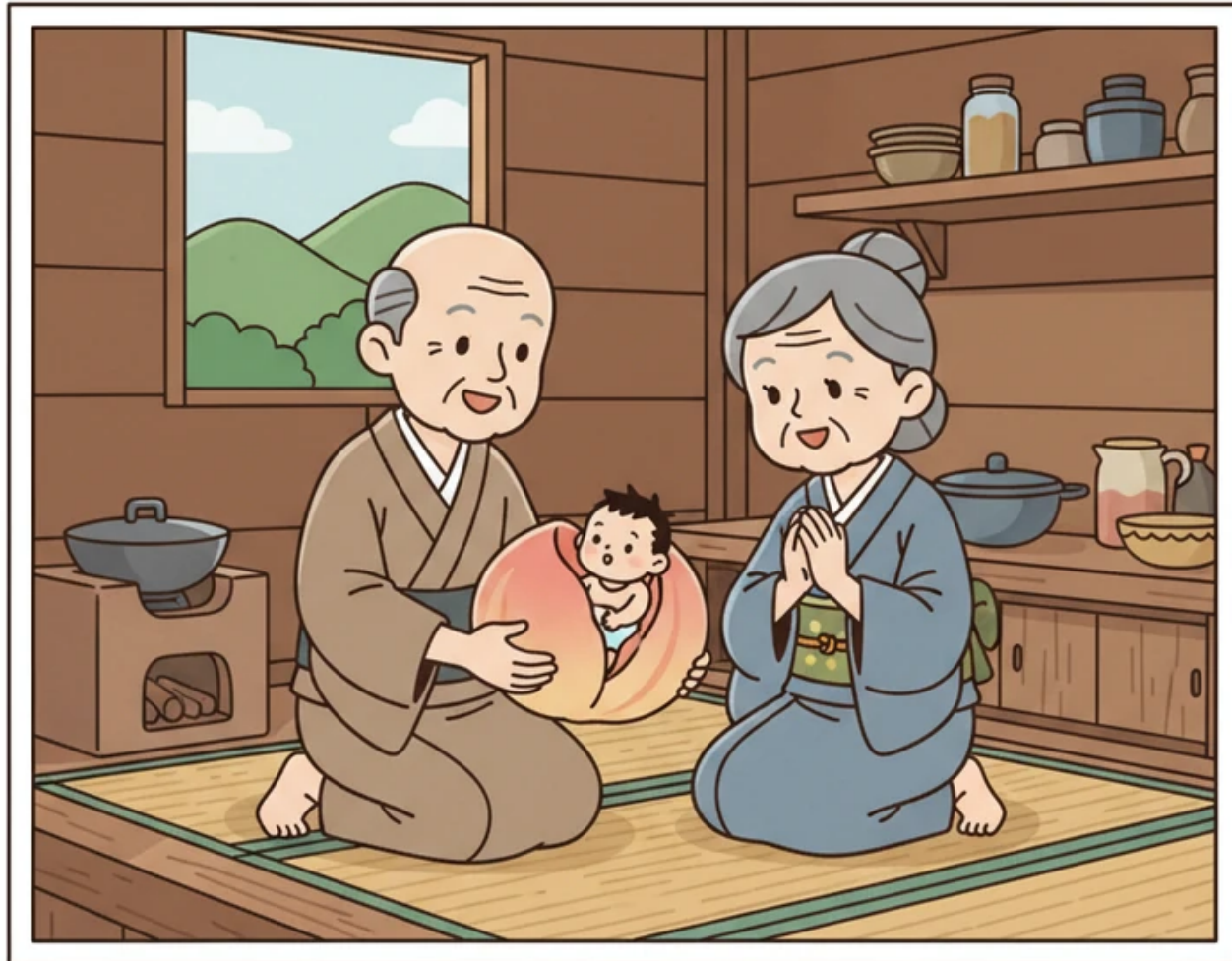
MOMOTARO'S BIRTH

Suddenly, a massive, rosy-pink peach comes tumbling down the stream, bobbing gracefully over the small waves. It is the largest peach Obaasan has ever seen, and it seems to glow with a magical, inviting light as it nears the riverbank.



THE DISCOVERY OF MOMOTARO

With a surprised gasp, the old woman reaches out and carefully pulls the heavy fruit from the rushing water. She marvels at its perfect shape and sweet fragrance, wondering how such a magnificent thing could have found its way to her.



THE BIRTH OF MOMOTARO

Obaasan carries the giant peach back to her humble cottage to show her husband, the old woodcutter. They place the fruit on a large wooden table, staring in awe at the mysterious gift from the river while the evening shadows dance on the walls.



Just as they prepare to take a bite, the peach splits perfectly in half with a soft pop and a flash of golden light. To their amazement, a tiny, healthy baby boy sits inside the fruit, smiling up at them with bright, curious eyes.



MOMOTARO'S RETURN

They name the boy Momotaro, meaning Peach Boy, and raise him with all the love in their hearts. As the years pass, Momotaro grows into a strong, kind-hearted youth who helps his parents and is loved by everyone in the village.



MOMOTARO'S DEPARTURE

One day, Momotaro decides to travel to the distant Ogre Island to protect his village from trouble and bring peace to the land. Obaasan gives him a pouch of special kibi-dango dumplings to keep his strength up during his long and brave journey.



Along the forest path, Momotaro meets a loyal dog, a clever monkey, and a colorful pheasant who all promise to help him on his quest. He shares his delicious dumplings with them, and they quickly become a team of inseparable friends.



Together, the brave team reaches the dark gates of Ogre Island, standing tall and united against the challenges ahead. With Momotaro's leadership and his friends' unique skills, they work together to show that courage and kindness can overcome any obstacle.

**MOMOTARO'S RETURN**

Momotaro returns to his parents' cottage, greeted with tears of joy and warm embraces from the old couple. He brings home stories of his adventures and lives happily with his family and animal friends, forever a hero in their hearts.