RAHUL & AIKO / VOLUME FIVE

Inside the Sumo Ring

STRENGTH, RITUAL AND A CHANGING JAPAN

ラーフルと愛子の相撲めぐり



Japanese for adult beginners / English guidance

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Reading the rankings

A FICTIONAL TOURNAMENT VISIT



Read 1, then 2. Japanese → romaji → English.

Reading the rankings

Read the Japanese. Write the romaji. Then check the full comics.



RAHUL

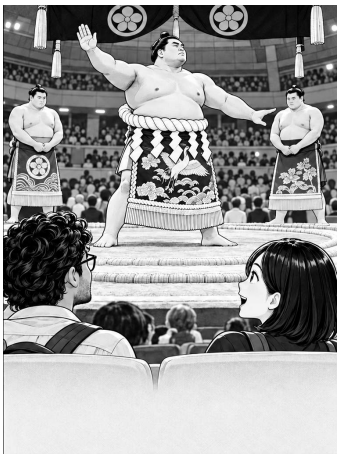
この表は何ですか。

What is this chart?

AIKO

番付です。力士の地位が分かります。

It is the ranking sheet. It shows wrestlers' positions.



RAHUL

横綱は一番上ですか。

Is yokozuna the highest rank?

AIKO

はい。大きな責任もあります。

Yes. It also carries great responsibility.

JAPANESE LENS

この〜 = this ... . 一番〜 = the most / highest ... .

YOUR TURN

Ask about a chart: この表は何ですか。

Language approach and creation notes

LANGUAGE APPROACH

Learn a useful question, hear an answer, then try it yourself. Japanese, romaji and English support the first reading; the practice page removes romaji so you can recall it. Long vowels use macrons. Particles は, へ and を are romanised wa, e and o when pronounced that way. Ring names follow established readings; English source spellings may omit macrons.

READING AT YOUR LEVEL

Begin with short questions and everyday phrases. Cultural vocabulary and longer explanations can be recognised before they are produced fluently. Grammar notes are learning aids, not a complete course.

CREATION NOTES

Original fictional dialogue and original AI-generated manga illustrations accompany researched cultural notes. Training images introduce vocabulary; the home recipe is an original adaptation. No official endorsement or personal appearance by a named wrestler is implied.



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Through Rahul and Aiko's illustrated journeys, he brings language and culture together, helping readers discover Japanese life while learning the words and expressions to describe, discuss, and share their experiences.

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