

Noh Tsuchigumo

Miyamoto-no-Raiko, a brave general, is stricken with unknown illness in his room. A maid Kocho comes into there to bring a cure and encourages him. After Kocho leaves, queer priest suddenly appears and asks Raiko how his feeling is, then throws a cloud of threads to him. The priest is really a monster spider Tsuchigumo. Raiko rises and slashes the priest with a noted sword Hizamaru. The priest runs away. After the incident, an able liegeman Hitorimusha hastens to the room. Raiko tells him the whole story. Hitorimusha decides to extrminate Tsuchigumo. He goes to Kazuraki mountain with his fellows. There they find a mound of Tsuchigumo and break it. The monster reappears and attacks them with threads violently. Hitorimusha resists bravely. At last, He defeats the monster and cuts off its head.