

## - Cultivated Words -

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As Brougher worked at his small tomato garden,/ his one comfort other than writing,/ Wakasugi **approached**.// Brougher bowed in fear,/ but was shocked/ when Wakasugi, who spoke English,/ asked about his poetry/ and **complemented** the tomatoes.// Wakasugi wrote too.// The two men **swapped** poems,/ and Wakasugi referred to Brougher by rank/ for the first time.// They shook hands.//

1947年に / 日本人将校、若杉次郎は / ほかの二人とともに / 裁判にかけられた / 罪を犯したとして / 戦争捕虜の収容所を監督していたときに // ほかの二人には言い渡された / 15年と20年の懲役が / それぞれ // 若杉が科されたのはたった1年だけだった //

アメリカ軍の指揮官ウィリアム・ブローワーは / 若杉の収容所で捕虜となり / 若杉についての作品を書いて賞を受けた / 1965年に / その題名は『バギーパンツ』である // その中で / ブローワーは恐怖と怒りを描いた / 収容所に満ちていた // 彼の日記帳は没収され / 処罰を受ける覚悟ができていた // 捕虜になったほかの二人の指揮官は / 打撃された（なぐられた） / 書いた内容のせいで //

ブローワーが自分の小さなトマト園で作業していた時、 / それは彼にとって書くこと以外にただ一つの安らぎであったその畑で、 / 若杉が近づいてきた // ブローワーは恐れて頭を下げたが / 驚いた / 英語を話す若杉が / 彼の詩について尋ね / トマトを褒めたからだ // 若杉もまた文章を書く人間だった // 二人は詩を交換しあい / 若杉は（敬意を示して）ブローワーを階級名で呼んだ / 初めて // 彼らは握手を交わした //

### Vocabulary and Phrases

officer	しきかん 指揮官	baggy	だぶだぶ
try (in court)	さいばん 裁判にかける	confiscate	とあ 取り上げる
trial	さいばん 裁判	punish	ばつ 罰する
supervise	と 取り締まる	capture	ほかく 捕獲する
prisoner	ほりよ 捕虜	beat	たた 叩く
sentence	けいばつ 刑罰	approach	ちかよ 近寄る
respective	かくじ 各自	complement	ほ 褒める

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**【Listen & Fill Blank】**

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**【Q&A / A&Q】**

**Question 1:** How long was Wakasugi imprisoned after the war?

**Question 2:** What activities helped Wakasugi and Brougher to shake hands?

**Question 3:** Have you ever made an unexpected friend?

**Ask 1:** 答えが「journal」である質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 2:** Rank についての質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 3:** 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

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† Brigadier General (大将)

**Sample Answer 1:** One year.

Wakasugi was imprisoned for one year after the war.

Wakasugi was sentenced to one year in prison in 1947.

**Sample Answer 2:** Gardening and poetry.

Writing and tomato gardening helped Wakasugi and Brougher shake hands.

**Sample Answer 3:** No. I am a very good judge of people.

Yes. I sat next to a boy in school, who I thought was horrid, but then we discovered that we both liked to draw. Now we are good friends.

**Sample Question 1:** What was taken from Brougher in prison?

What did the prison supervisors take from Brougher for which he expected to be punished?

**Sample Question 2:** What rank was Wakasugi?

What rank was Brougher?

Was Brougher or Wakasugi a higher rank?

What does it mean for Wakasugi to refer to Brougher by rank?

**Sample Question 3:** Where was the prison?

What did the other Japanese officers do to be punished?

Why did Brougher write his story about Wakasugi?

Did the two ever meet again?