



THE RIVER RISING

FASTER--!
OR YOU WILL LOSE
EVERYTHING!





I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, USAGI-SAN! THE RIVER IS RISING TOO FAST...

...AND THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH MEN IN OUR VILLAGE!



TOO MANY OF US WERE KILLED WHEN THE BATTLE OF SEVEN PLAINS SWEEPED THROUGH THIS AREA!

YEAH. WE PEASANTS ALWAYS SUFFER THE MOST!



THAT'S ENOUGH OF FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELVES! WORK YOUR HARDEST OR THE BANKS WILL OVERFLOW AND YOUR HOMES AND FIELDS WILL BE FLOODED!



AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE, THERE IS HOPE!



COME ON--MORE BUCKETS! WE NEED MORE ROCKS AND MUD DOWN THERE!



WE NEED MORE STRAW MATS! POUND THOSE STAKES DEEP! THEY WILL SLOW DOWN THE EROSION OF THE DIKE!

BAM!



HELP! HELP!

WHAT?!



KAYO!

WE ARE BEING RAIDED BY BANDITS-- BRIGANDS!

THEY ARE STEALING OUR FOOD SUPPLIES!



HALF OF YOU-- CONTINUE WORK ON THE DIKE, THE OTHER HALF FOLLOW ME!

Y-YES, USAGI-SAN!

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