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A True Hero

There is a unique hero in Japan. His name is Anpanman. His face is an *anpan*, sweet bean bread. When someone is hungry, he feeds a part of his *anpan* face to them. But then he loses his power.

Yanase Takashi created Anpanman. The Anpanman story was originally for adults. It was not so popular. Later, Yanase rewrote the story for children. They liked Anpanman very much.

Yanase was thinking about a true hero when he wrote the Anpanman story. Some heroes fight against monsters in towns. They destroy roads and buildings. Are they true heroes?

Anpanman does not always fight. He gives his *anpan* face to hungry people. Yanase said, “A true hero sacrifices himself for others.”

Anpanman is not a perfect hero, but he is a true hero for Yanase.