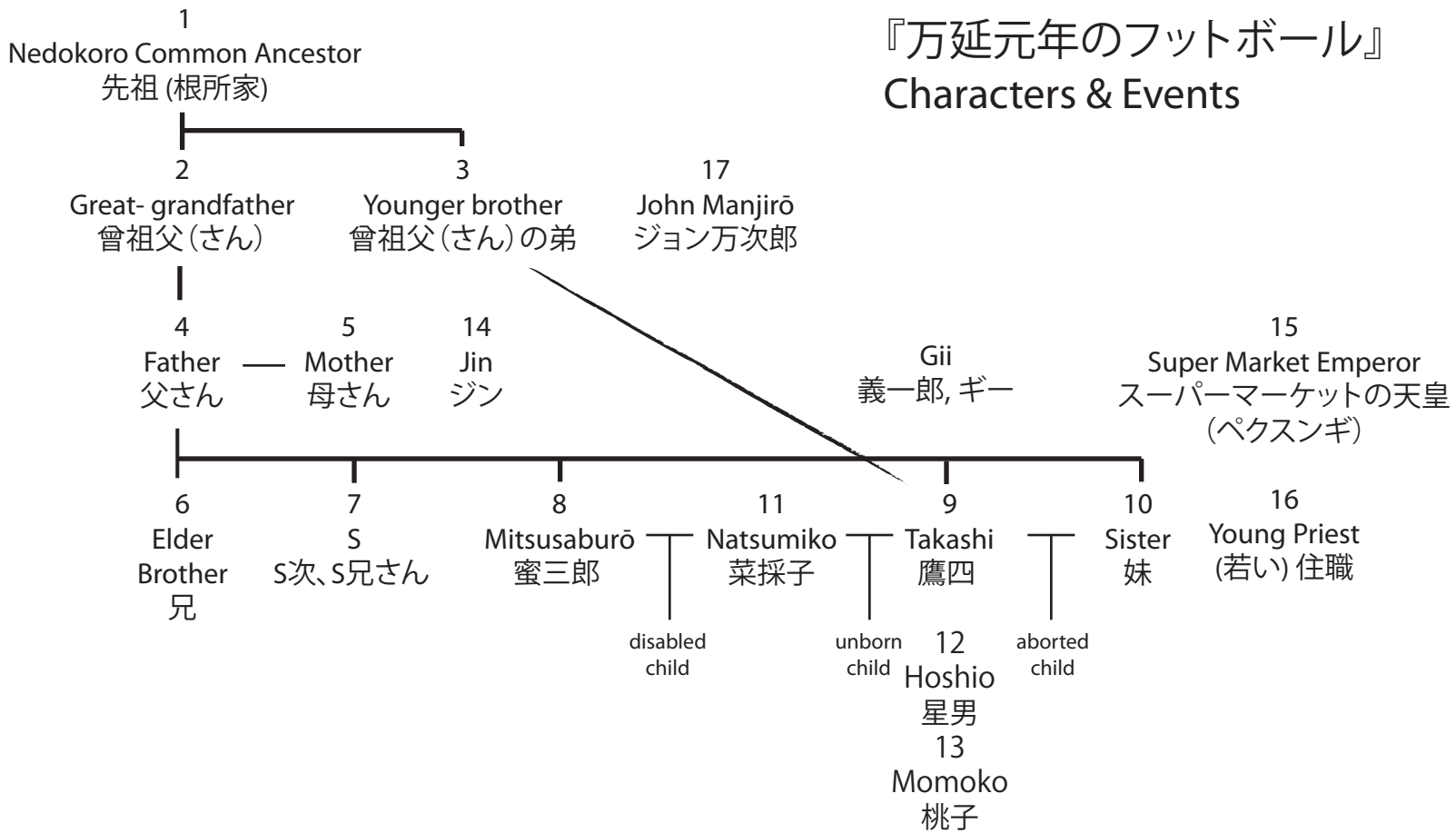


『万延元年のフットボール』 Characters & Events



02 Great-grandfather: Defends the family storehouse against a mob. Built the storehouse. **03 Younger brother:** The leader of the 1860 farmers' uprising and presumed leader of the 1871 uprising. His whereabouts after the rising are debated by the characters, but he is generally thought to have fled to Kochi with great-grandfather's help. Taka wants to be like him. **04 Father:** Worked in China during the war, but he disappeared and they found his dead body some time later (only Mother knows the details). **06 Elder Brother:** Was drafted during WWII. Left behind a diary detailing his and others' cruel wartime actions. Died two years after completing college. **07 S:** Joined the army during WWII, returned to the village in summer 1945 and killed in dispute between Koreans and villagers. **09 Taka:** Great Grandfather's Younger Brother admirer. Sleeps with his retarded sister who kills herself, is student protester, travels to America, leads uprising against the Emperor, steals Mitsu's property and wife, claims he killed a girl, tells Mitsu the truth about their sister, kills himself. Eternalized as village "spirit." **10 Sister:** Mentally handicapped; only really respond to sounds; incestuous relationship with Taka; aborted Taka's baby; committed suicide; when her death is mentioned Taka is visibly disturbed. **11 Natsu:** Wife of Mitsu, mother of deformed child, traumatized after Mitsu's author friend committed suicide and turns to alcoholism; becomes a big supporter of Taka and his team and eventually his mistress; later gets pregnant with Taka's child **12 Hoshio:** Takashi's friend/"bodyguard". Idolized Takashi until he was disappointed by Takashi's story in America. Tries to stop Takashi and Natsumi from having sex. **15 Super Market Emperor:** Paek Sun-gi. Former resident of Korean settlement where S was killed, now owner of supermarket in valley that put other stores out of business. Purchased Nedokoro storehouse from Taka. Meets Mitsu at end of book and discovers cellar underneath storehouse. **16 Young Priest:** Sympathetic to Mitsu's objective perspective; contemptuous of villagers; a mediator at the end **17 John Manjiro:** Lived 1827-1898/ Visited America, returned to Nakanohama in Kochi/ Mitsu says Great-Grandfather had him write his name under fan with Roman alphabet p.63-64/ Taka says it was G.G.'s younger brother who met him, brought back Western things, guerrilla tactics/ Mitsu says Manjiro only in Kochi 1852-1853, so impossible for it to be 10 year G.G. Y.B.