

Losing Family Members ①

There were children who lost their parents and parents who lost their children. Their deep sorrow engraved in their minds as well as in minds of those who witnessed the tragedy. The calm and plain style of the drawings express the creators' indescribable grief and anger toward the merciless killing of these precious lives.



Finding the skeletons of my father, mother, and elder sister

①Masako Kochi ②16→73 ③8/10 ④Sakai-machi 1-chome

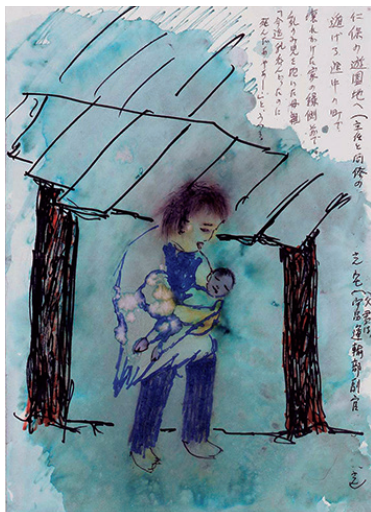
My father had been skeletonized while he was sitting at the entrance. My elder sister had been skeletonized at the kitchen table. My mother had been burnt black from the head to the waist and skeletonized from her waist down, with the blade of a knife on her feet.



"Your mother is dead."

①Kikuno Segawa ②37→66 ③8/7 ④Hijiyama Bridge

A child of about three had filled an empty can with water and had brought it near her pregnant mother's lips. At this piteous sight, I instinctively drew the child into my arms and said, "Your mother is dead." We wept together.



A woman clutching a dead child

①Hisako Nakatsu ②26→83 ③— ④Niho

She screamed in anguish, "He was suckling till a moment ago!"



Let's Go Home

①Seigo Nishioka ②13→83 ③8/9 ④Nakajima-cho

Shedding tears, a father had wrapped the body of his son in a straw mat and was carrying him on his back to their home. "How hot it must've been. How painful it must've been. How agonizing it must've been. Let's go home. Let's go home together."