

"Love Medicine"



"Aphrodisiac" (biyaku). Simply put, the other name ``Naresome Yaku" is a love medicine. Along with longevity, it is a medicine that can be called an eternal desire and has been sought by nobles and wealthy people around the world since ancient times. Even now, there are large advertisements aimed at men in newspapers, magazines, and on the Internet that contain less explicit but similar language, and they seem to be selling well.

"Frankincense", which originated in Egyptian civilization, is a plant resin that is burned in an incense burner near the sleeping area, or by women applying frankincense oil dissolved in oil to their bodies, and the scent attracts men. It's about inviting. I received it as a souvenir from a friend who traveled to the Middle East six years ago, but it had a strange smell that was far from romantic, and it was difficult for Japanese people who are familiar with delicate incense culture to accept it, so a famous dish that has been passed down to Japan since the Edo period is "black grilled newt." It is said that if male and female red-bellied newts that are in heat are put in a bamboo tube with their joints separated and left for a day, the joints will be eaten away. This is the translation. I always say sprinkle this on someone you care about, but I don't know if they actually listen. However, it is still sold as a nutritional tonic. I put it away after a few days.



There is a story in Rakugo called ``The Black Burning of Newts". A man who fell in love with a rice store's daughter tried to sprinkle black powder on her when she came out to the store, but an unexpected wind blew and the powder swerved away from her and landed on the rice bags outside the store. In the end, the story is about a man who falls in love with a bag of rice and is chased after it.

Love medicine seems to be a topic of discussion both now and in the past.