

LESSON 8 Kazu Hiro: In Pursuit of a Dream

Part 1

Satoshi reads about Kazu Hiro's early days.

Kazu Hiro was born / in 1969 in Kyoto. // Since childhood, / Kazu has been full of curiosity and creativity. // In his high school days, / he watched many sci-fi movies. // He was inspired / by the various kinds of special effects. //

One day, / Kazu found a picture of an actor / in an American movie magazine. // The actor looked just like Abraham Lincoln, / the 16th US president. // This was due to special effects makeup. // Kazu was fascinated / and tried such makeup by himself. // He wrote to Dick Smith, / the New York makeup artist / in charge of Lincoln's makeup. // He soon got the reply, / "Send me photos of your own makeup work, / and I will give you advice." // With the help of his English teacher, / Kazu exchanged letters with Dick. // This is how he gradually learned the basics / of special effects makeup. //