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He is called Iwainushi no mikoto because when he set forth to conquer the inner provinces of Japan at the head of a large army, he prayed to the kami for a victorious campaign at the start of his great undertaking. He worshipped all Celestial and Terrestrial kami.

- 1-- Iwasaku nesaku no kami,
- 2-- Iwazutsu no o no kami
- 3-- Iwazutsu no me no kami, the last two son and daughter of No. 1. (Rock crushing son and daughter)



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