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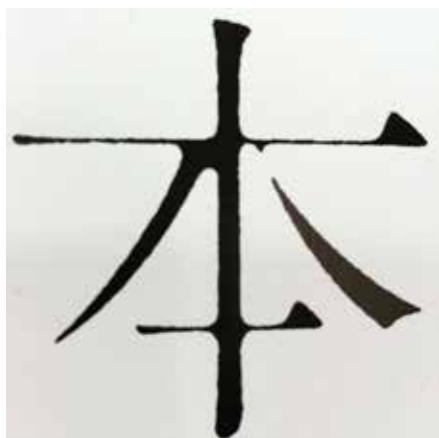
























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「本」 (pronounced "hon") means "book" when it is alone, but it can mean numerous things when associated with other ideograms. It is for example the second ideogram in 「日本」 ("Nihon," Japan in Japanese). In this combination, 「本」 means "origin," as in "Origin of the day."

You can also find it outside of bookshops on big signs that you can spot from far away. As I spent one month in residency in Japan, I grew an obsession over this sign, and used it in the works that I produced on the spot.

I photographed others kanjis, and became interested in the ones that were very simple and symmetric, but none of them had a very simple clear meaning on its own that would also relate to my work: 本 = book

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