UNCLE STON PA TAKES A BATH

Mi chag don 'grub མི་ཆག་དོན་འགྲུབ།[1]

Uncle Ston pa had not had a bath for a long time. It was summer, so he thought he'd go to a small beach he knew by the river that ran by his village and wash up. When he got to the small secluded beach, he looked around and saw that nobody else was there. He then took off his very dirty clothes, washed them, and hung them to dry on some nearby bushes. Then he walked into the river and had a good time moving around in the water, pretending he was a frog. It was a very hot summer day, so he really enjoyed the cool river water.

After some time, Uncle Ston pa got tired of this and wanted to dry off, put on his clothes, and leave. He looked at the beach and didn't see anybody. He carefully walked out of the water onto the beach. The sand felt good under his feet. The bright sun on his wet body also made him feel very relaxed. He decided that he would take a nap. He noticed an old newspaper under a bush. He walked over, picked it up, lay down on the soft sand and, just to be safe, put the newspaper over his genitals.

A short time later, Uncle Ston pa was awakened by a little girl shaking his shoulder. When she saw his eyes flutter open, she asked, "Uncle, what's under that newspaper?"

Uncle Ston pa said sleepily, "It's a bird. You must never touch that newspaper. If you do, the bird might fly away," and then he went back to sleep.

Later, when he woke up, he was in the hospital. His genitals felt incredibly painful - as though they were on fire! When the doctors asked him what had happened, all he could remember was the little girl by the river.

A few hours later, two policemen went to her home in a village and asked her what she had done.

She said, "I like birds so I decided to play with Uncle's bird. I took off the newspaper and started playing with it. While I was playing with it, it got really long, like a snake, and then it shot something at me. I was so angry that I kicked its eggs, broke its neck, and set its nest on fire."

NON-ENGLISH TERMS

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ston pa སྟོན་པ།