

## FOREIGN ADVENTURES

Pad+ma dbang chen སུ་དབང་ཆེན་པོ་<sup>1</sup>

Uncle Ston pa was asked to accompany a high-ranking *bla ma* to Thailand and translate for him while he attended a meeting to discuss religious points of view and rituals.

One early morning, Uncle Ston pa and the *bla ma* went to the Zi ling Airport to take a non-stop flight to Bangkok. Once on the plane, Uncle Ston pa was immediately aroused by the beautiful air hostesses. He wanted to trick one of them, but passengers were forbidden to move about the plane. Still, unable to control himself, he winked at the hostesses and did his best to behave flirtatiously when they served drinks and food to the passengers.

The hostesses were true professionals, and returned smiling faces, which he interpreted was a keen interest on their part in making further contact with him.

Uncle Ston pa was a bit nervous because this was his first airplane flight. He was also afraid the *bla ma* might scold him, so he could do nothing but suppress his raging lust.

They soon reached Bangkok and went to the meeting venue. After the first day of meetings, the sponsor took all the participants to a luxury hotel where a room had been prepared for each. Uncle Ston pa happily rested in the hotel, where visions of the beautiful hostesses he had encountered on the plane appeared repeatedly in his mind.

Suddenly, a telephone rang. He answered.

A woman in a low smooth voice said, "*Sawadee cup.*"

He understood no Thai, but pretended that he did, repeating whatever she said.

The woman said many things and he answered, "*Lags so,*" each time she paused.

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Soon after the woman hung up the phone, a robust knock sounded on the door. When Uncle Ston pa opened the door, he beheld a young, tall woman who was so attractive that his mouth hung open and his heart stopped beating for several seconds. He had never seen such a beauty before.

Clutching his hand, she came into his room.

Uncle Ston pa assumed that, as a foreign woman, she was eager to have sex with a Tibetan man.

When the woman greeted him in a vaguely masculine voice, Uncle Ston pa thought in surprise, "Hm, foreign women are different than young women back home!"

Unable to communicate verbally, Uncle Ston pa thought it was a good chance to trick a foreign woman and made various sexual gestures.

The visitor then removed all her clothing except her panties, thinking, "What a stupid man. Just see how I cheat you."

The two tricksters then lay together. Uncle Ston pa soon noticed that the "woman" had a penis. When the lady-boy gestured at his bottom, Uncle Ston pa smiled.

After he finished having sex with the lady-boy and the lady-boy had left the room, Uncle Ston pa lay contentedly, thinking he was the cleverest man in the world.

The next morning, some young volunteers came to invite the *bla ma*, Uncle Ston pa, and other participants to breakfast to be followed by a day of sightseeing. When they checked out, they learned that Uncle Ston pa had incurred a 600 US dollar expense for the services of a young lady-boy the previous night. A young volunteer said, "Uncle, you spent 3,600 *yuan* on services last night that you'll need to pay from your own funds."

Uncle Ston pa was so stunned by this that he fell to the floor, pretending to have lost consciousness.

One of the volunteers said, "Poor bumpkin, let's send him to the hospital. He is our responsibility."

Uncle Ston pa smiled inwardly because he knew he had diabetes and thought this would allow for free treatment and, possibly, a permanent cure.

#### NON-ENGLISH TERMS

bla ma ལྷ་མ།

lags so ལགས་སོ།

pad+ma dbang chen བུ་དབང་ཆེན།

ston pa ལྷོན་པ།

yuan 元

zi ling ཟི་ལིང་།