

## UNCLE STON PA AND THE THIEF

Sgron dkar སྒྲོན་དཀར།

Many years ago, there was a very poor, but very intelligent man known as Uncle Ston pa. One day he and a thief went to steal some treasures from a rich man. After the two thieves climbed up on the rich man's roof, Uncle Ston pa lowered the other man through the smoke hole. The thief put some treasures in a bag, tied it to the end of the rope, and signaled Uncle Ston pa by tugging the rope. Uncle Ston pa pulled the treasure up to the roof and shouted, "There is a thief! Catch him! Catch him!" As Uncle Ston pa ran away, the thief was caught and seriously beaten by the rich man.

The next day, they went to steal from another rich man. When they got on this rich man's roof, the thief said, "Today, you go through the smoke hole. I'll stay here and pull you up."

Uncle Ston pa agreed, took a bag, and the thief slowly lowered him down into the rich man's house. Uncle Ston pa then stealthily stole some treasures, got into the bag with the treasure, and pulled the rope.

The bag was very heavy, delighting the thief, who was sure it contained many treasures of great value. After he pulled the bag to the top of the roof, he leaned over, and shouted into the room below, "Thief! Catch him! Catch him!"

Meanwhile, Uncle Ston pa jumped out of the bag and raced away with all the treasure, thus becoming a very wealthy man.

## NON-ENGLISH TERMS

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ston pa སྒྲོན་པ།

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