
 THE LANDLORD KILLS A PIG

Tshe dbang rdo rje ཚེ་དབང་རྡོ་རྗེ། (Caixiangduojie 才项多杰)

After Uncle Ston pa tricked his landlord into cutting down the *dbung sdong* tree, he was assigned difficult tasks. For a week, the landlord asked Uncle Ston pa to feed a pig and clean its pigsty. Uncle Ston pa got very upset with such work and devised an ingenious plan to get rid of the pig.

One afternoon while feeding the pig, Uncle Ston pa noticed the landlord riding his strong stallion from place to place, checking his servants' work. When the landlord approached the pigsty, Uncle Ston pa gave one of the pig ears a vicious pinch, causing it to give a high-pitched, very loud squeal. This so frightened the landlord's stallion that it reared up, sending the landlord tumbling to the ground.

When the furious landlord regained his footing on trembling legs, he shouted, "Who scared my horse? I'll kill you!"

Uncle Ston pa pointed at the pig and said, "This pig did it. Do you want us to kill it?"

"Yes! Do it now!" commanded the landlord.

Uncle Ston pa and other servants who had gathered, immediately stoned the pig to death. From that day on, Uncle Ston pa didn't have to feed the pig and clean the pigsty.

NON-ENGLISH TERMS

dbung sdung དབྱང་སྟུང་།

ston pa ལྷོན་པ།

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