

## TRICKING A SOLDIER

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

As soon as Uncle Ston pa ran away with the king's stallion and clothes, the king sent a soldier to catch him. Although the soldier tried his best he couldn't catch Uncle Ston pa the whole day because the king's stallion was the best horse in the country.

In the evening, the soldier reached the village where Uncle Ston pa helped the poor villagers. Uncle Ston pa noticed the soldier, hid the king's stallion and robe, and made a flag by tying a piece of his sash to the handle of a shovel. Disguising himself as a diviner, he held the flag and yelled, "I'm the best diviner! I can tell you where to find lost property and people!"

The soldier soon approached and asked, "Diviner! Can you really locate lost people?"

"Of course, I can! I'm the best diviner!" said Uncle Ston pa, "Test me if you don't believe me!"

"Really!" said the soldier doubtfully, "Then tell me who I'm looking for!"

"That's easy!" replied Uncle Ston pa, chanting quietly while rubbing his prayer beads in his palms. "You're looking for a man in a very nice robe with a good stallion!"

The soldier was shocked and asked, "Where can I find him?"

"I can tell you but you won't catch him unless you speed up your horse," replied Uncle Ston pa.

"Yes, you're right. I can't catch him because he has our king's best stallion!" said the soldier. "How can I speed up my horse?"

"It's easy!" said Uncle Ston pa, "But what will I get if I tell you?"

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The soldier threw a bag of silver coins to him. After checking the coins, Uncle Ston pa continued, "Great! Let me help you. Please close your eyes and hold your horse tightly!"

As soon as the soldier closed his eyes, Uncle Ston pa went to the back of the soldier's horse, raised the flagstaff in his hand, and then smashed the flagstaff on the horse's buttocks with all his might. The horse whinnied, jumped, and dashed away in pain, causing the soldier to take such a painful tumble that it took several minutes for him to get up. When he finally stood up, he saw his horse was almost out of his sight and exclaimed, "How did you do that? My horse is really running fast!"

"Yeah, your horse can run fast because of my magic flagstaff," replied Uncle Ston pa.

"But how am I going to catch my horse now?" asked the soldier.

"That's also easy," said Uncle Ston pa. "Turn around and close your eyes. I'll help you."

As soon as the soldier closed his eyes, Uncle Ston pa used all his strength and hit the back of the soldier's head with his flagstaff. The soldier fell unconscious in an instant. Uncle Ston pa then took the soldier to the top of a hill and left him there with his flag.

It was dark when the soldier regained consciousness. He looked around, saw a light at the bottom of the hill, and walked down towards the light. When he got near, he heard giggling and noticed that the light and the sounds were both coming out of a house skylight. He climbed up to the roof on a ladder and looked down into the skylight. He saw a man and a woman in bed. The woman was covering her face with a quilt and giggling. The man was holding a lamp with one hand, lifting the end of the woman's quilt with the other hand, and looking at the woman's vagina.

The woman giggled and said, "Quick! Quick! I'm cold!"

"Wait! Wait! It's amazing!" said the man while lowering the lamp and sticking his head under the quilt.

"What do you see?" asked the woman.

"I see everything!" replied the man.

"Do you see my horse?" shouted the soldier from the roof.

#### NON-ENGLISH TERMS

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