

TRICKING THE KING AGAIN

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Not long after Uncle Ston pa arrived home, the king's soldiers came and took him and his whole family to the king's palace. As soon as they reached the palace, Uncle Ston pa started yelling and beating both his wife and son viciously. The king noticed and asked, "Why are you beating them?"

"My dear king, when I was away, my stupid wife burnt my trick book while she was cooking. So, sadly, I can't give you my book of tricks."

"I see. But why are you also beating your son?" continued the king.

"My stupid son slaughtered our family's female donkey for food while I was away!" replied Uncle Ston pa, "Now we can't give you butter for this year's tax."

"What? You gave me donkey butter!?" exclaimed the king.

"Please don't get upset, my dear king. Our village has only donkeys, which is why it is called Donkey Land. We live our life with donkeys. We rent the male donkeys, we milk the female donkeys, and we slaughter some old donkeys every year. This is the way we live."

"You people from Donkey Land are disgusting," said the king. "I never knowingly eat donkey meat and butter."

"Sorry, dear king, but villagers in Donkey Land don't know that. But we three can help you by taking away the donkey butter and meat in your storehouse. We all grew up with donkeys and really enjoy donkey products," said Uncle Ston pa.

"Great idea!" said the king. "Come with me."

The king took them to his storehouse and commanded, "Remove all the donkey products!"

"At once!" chorused Uncle Ston pa, his wife, and his son. They then removed three horse loads of the best butter, meat, and cheese, and happily went home.

NON-ENGLISH TERMS

ston pa ལྷོན་པ།

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