

TRICKING THE KING

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

The king was very curious about Uncle Ston pa after hearing many stories of him tricking others. The king waited for Uncle Ston pa by the river near his palace.

As soon as Uncle Ston pa arrived, the king looked at him all over exclaiming, "So you're Uncle Ston pa! I don't see anything special, except your curly mustache!"

"My dear king, yes, I'm Uncle Ston pa, and I'm ordinary. There is nothing special about me."

"But I've heard many stories of you tricking my men. I want to see how you're going to trick me. If you can't trick me, I'll put you in jail forever," proclaimed the king.

"Oh, my dear king, please forgive me!" said Uncle Ston pa. "I need my magic book to trick people. Unfortunately, I forgot to bring it with me."

"Where is your magic book?" asked the king.

"It's at my home," replied Uncle Ston pa.

"I see. Let me send a soldier to your home to get the book quickly!" said the king.

"I've hidden the magic book. No one can find it, not even my wife! If you want me to trick you, please let me go and get the magic book," explained Uncle Ston pa.

The king really wanted to see the book so he said, "Sure, you go back now and bring the book here as soon as possible!"

"My dear king, it took us two days to get here from my home. May I borrow your best horse to go back to get the magic book?" asked Uncle Ston pa.

Thinking that he'd be able to see the magic book soon if he lent him a good horse, the king said, "Here, take my stallion. It can

run as fast as a flying eagle. You'll be able to get back tomorrow morning."

The king's stallion was startled as soon as Uncle Ston pa got near. Uncle Ston pa said, "My dear king, your horse doesn't like me. May I also borrow your robe? Then, your horse will obey me."

"Oh, yes, my horse doesn't like strangers!" said the king with a smile. He took off his nice robe, threw it to Uncle Ston pa, and said, "Here you go. Be quick! I can't wait to see your magic book!"

Uncle Ston pa put on the king's robe, jumped on the horse, and galloped across the river. As soon as he got to the other side of the river, he yelled, "My dear king, this is how I tricked you today!"

NON-ENGLISH TERMS

ston pa ལྷོན་པ།

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