A Tiger and a Thief

A long time ago, a thief walked in a street. He had no food to eat. He thought, "Where will I go? Where can I steal food?"

He looked around. An old woman had a basket full of fruit. He smelled the fruit. It made him very hungry. He followed the old woman. He wanted to steal the fruit.

The old woman went home. She went inside her home. She closed the door. The house was dark inside. She lit a candle.

The thief climbed up a tree. The tree was near her house. He waited an hour.

The old woman didn't sleep. She sewed some tattered clothes with a handmade needle. She ate fruit.

Suddenly, the thief felt something was under the tree. He didn't care. He still watched the old woman.

The old woman heard something. She knew a thief was outside the house.

The thief looked down and saw a tiger under the tree.

The tiger also wanted to attack the old woman.

The tiger was very dangerous. The thief was frightened. He urinated in his trousers. The urine dropped on the tiger.

The tiger was very scared. The tiger died because he was so frightened.

The thief didn't know the tiger was dead. He held the branches all night.

Morning came. The old woman saw a dead tiger under the tree. Then she saw a thief holding the tree tightly. The thief was almost crazy.

New Words

- thief  རྟེར།
- steal  དགུང་།
- hungry  ཕྱོད་དབྱུང་།
- candle  རྟོམ་ཞིང་།
- sewed  རབ་བཞིན་།
- tattered  རིང་རིང་།
- needle  རྟེར་བཞིང་།
- tiger  རྟོ།
- attack  རྟོལ་བ།
- dangerous  རྟོན་པ།
- frightened  རྟོན་པ་ལེན།
- urinated  རོག་ཅིག་ཅིག་བྱུང་།
- trousers  རྟོ་ཉེན་།
- dropped  རོག་ཅིག་བཏང་།
- branches  རྟ་ལ་ག
- tightly  རྟོལ་གར་འཐམས་པ།
- scared  རྟོལ།
- holding  རྟོལ་བ།

Phrases

- no food to eat  འཁྲུན་ཐེབ་དཀར་བཤད།
- looked around  རོལ་འབྲིན་སྒོར་བ།
- a basket full of fruit  རྡེ་འབྲེལ་ཁབ་བཤད།
- made him very hungry  ཕྱོད་དབྱུང་ལེན་པ།
- lit a candle  རྟོམ་ཞིང་ངོ་།
- climbed up  རྟོལ་བའི་འབྲིན་སྒོར་བ།
- felt something  རྟོལ་བ་ལེན།
- looked down  རྟོལ་བའི་འབྲིན་སྒོར་བ།
- under the tree  རྟོད་པ་ལེན།
- someone was frightened  རེ་ཞིང་བཤད་པ་ལེན་པ།
- urinated in trousers  རོག་ཅིག་ཅིག་བྱུང་འབྲེལ་ཉེན།
- the urine dropped on the tiger  རོག་ཅིག་བཏང་འོ་།
- held the branches  རྟ་ལ་ག རེའི་འབྲིན་སྒོར་བ།
- a dead tiger  རྟོ། རོག་ཅིག་ལེན་པ།
- almost crazy  རེ་ཞིང་བཤད་པ་ལེན་པ།
- holding the tree tightly  རྟོལ་ག རྟོལ་བ་ལེན་པ།
Match the vocabulary below (1-10) with its meaning (a-j).

1] thief __ (a) to let something fall
2] attack __ (b) pants
3] sew __ (c) to make someone feel afraid and scared
4] trousers __ (d) a stick of wax with a string in it that you burn to give light
5] frighten __ (e) torn, in bad condition
6] candle __ (f) make liquid water leave the body
7] tatter __ (g) part of a tree
8] urinate __ (h) to make or repair clothes
9] branches __ (i) a person who steals something
10] drop __ (j) a violent attempt to harm someone or something

Put these words in the blanks below: a, the, to, an, inside.

___ long time ago, ___ thief walked ___ street. He had no food ___ eat. He thought, "Where will I go? Where can I steal food?"

He looked around. ___ old woman had ___ basket full of fruit. He smelled ___ fruit. It made him very hungry. He followed ___ old woman. He wanted ___ steal ___ fruit.

___ old woman went home. She went ___ her home. She closed ___ door. The house was dark ___. She lit ___ candle.

___ thief climbed up ___ tree. ___ tree was near her house. He waited ___ hour.

Put these sentences in the proper order.

__ a thief walked in a street.
__ He followed the old woman.
__ He held the branches all night.
__ She sewed some tattered clothes with a handmade needle.
__ She went inside her home.
__ The old woman saw a dead tiger under the tree.
__ The thief looked down and saw a tiger under the tree.
__ The thief was almost crazy.
True/ False. Mark these sentences True (T) or False (F). If a sentence is false, change it so that it is true.

1. A thief had enough food to eat. T/F
2. the fruit made him very hungry.
3. She sewed a tattered clothes with some handmade needles. T/F
4. The tree was near her house. T/F
5. She knew a tiger was outside the house. T/F
6. The tiger also wanted to attack the old woman. T/F
7. The tiger died because he was so frightened. T/F
8. The old woman saw a tiger under the tree. T/F

Choose the correct words from the words that are underlined below.

The tiger were/was very dangerous. The thief was frightened/frightening. He urinated in/at his trousers. The urine/urinate dropped on the tiger. The tiger was very/every scared. The tiger died because/but he was so frightened. The thief didn't know/knew the tiger was dead/died. He held/hold the branches all night. Morning came/come. The old woman saw a dead/died tiger under the tree. Then she saw a thief holding/hold the tree tightly. The thief was almost crazy/crazily.

Spelling
1. a ieft walked in a str__eet. _____________
2. She dewes some edertat clothes with a handmade needle. _____________
3. The tiger also wanted to kctata the old woman. _____________
4. He detaniru in his trousers. _____________
5. The thief was thdneeirfg. _____________
6. She lit a lednca . _____________
7. The urine ddppero on the tiger. _____________
8. He held the escrnabh all night. _____________

Match these sentence parts to make correct sentences.

1. He had no food to eat.
2. An old woman had a basket full of fruit.
3. The thief felt something was under the tree.
4. He still watched the old woman.
5. The old woman heard something.
6. The thief didn't know the tiger was dead.
7. The old woman saw a dead tiger under the tree.
8. Then she saw a thief holding the tree tightly.
Questions for discussion.

A
1. What lesson does this text teach?
2. If you found a thief stealing something from somebody, what would you do?
3. Have you ever stolen something from others? Explain.
4. If you were the old woman, what would you do to the thief?
5. Do you like this kind of text? Why or why not?
6. Give two ways to stop thieves from stealing?
7. If you could change something in this text, what would you change?

B
1. Describe a time when a thief stole something from you or your family.
2. Many communities have rules for punishing thieves. What rules does your home community have?
3. Do you think this story is realistic? Explain your answer.
4. If you are very poor and have no special skills, would you steal? Explain your answer.
5. What two things did you like best about this text?
6. What two things did you like least about this text?
7. Have you heard this story before? Explain.
8. Describe a thief you know or have known.
9. Do you think this story is humorous (funny)? Explain your answer.

Match the English phrases with their Tibetan equivalents.

1] a basket full of fruit __ (a) རྣལ་ཉེར་བོད་
2] a dead tiger __ (b) རང་ལེ་བབ་གཞི་ལེན་པར་བསྐལ་
3] almost crazy __ (c) རྒྱུད་པ་དང་བཞིན་བཞི་བཞི
4] climbed up __ (d) བྱོ་རོང་བཞིན་
5] felt something __ (e) རོལ་བོད་ཀ་བསྐལ་
6] held the branches __ (f) རྒྱུད་པ་མི་མེད་པ་
7] holding the tree tightly __ (g) རེུ་ངོ་ཐལ་ལུ
8] lit a candle__ (h) རྒྱུད་ངོ་གཞི་
9] looked around__ (i) རྒྱུད་མཆེད་ཁྱིམ་བཞི།
10] looked down__ (j) རང་ཐལ་བློ་
11] made him very hungry__ (k) རྒྱུད་མཆེད་བཞི།
12] no food to eat__ (l) རང་ཞིབ་ཞིབ་
13] someone was frightened__ (m) རོལ་བོད་གྲེམ་
14] the urine dropped on the tiger__ (n) རོལ་བོད་བཞི།
15] under the tree__ (o) རང་ལེ་ཁུན་པུ་
16] urinated in trousers __ (p) རོལ་ཁྱིམ་གཞི་

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