

# *The Sutra in one Hundred Parables*

## *Speaking About a Person's Tendency to Get Angry*

In the past, a group of people sat in a house discussing and praising the conduct of a certain foreigner. However, this person had two faults: he liked to get angry, and he acted impulsively.

Right at that time, the man being discussed happened to be passing by the house where the group of people were discussing his qualities. He knew immediately that those inside the house were talking about him. In a rage, he rushed into the house, grabbed the man who was talking about him, and proceeded to rain down blows on him.

Another person asked the foreigner, "For what reason are you beating on him?"

The foreigner replied, "When do I ever lose my temper and act impulsively? This man claims that I often get angry and act impulsively. That's why I'm hitting him."

The bystander pointed out, "Your behavior right now reveals your tendency to get angry and to act impulsively. How could you hide it away and act as you are?"

Those who become resentful when their faults are brought out reveal their own foolishness. This is just like an alcoholic who sinks into dissipation from his wild indulgences. When others reprimand him, he grows antagonistic and tries his best to justify himself. Such a person is like the stupid man who dislikes it when others bring up his faults. Such a person will only react with violence.

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