

# *Not Killing And Liberating The Living*

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## *A Turtle Claims a Life*

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In Jyang Su (江蘇) Province, Wu County (吳縣), there was a rich man whose family wealth was beyond measure. His son was a gourmand.

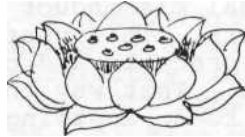
One day the family invited guests to a banquet and bought a large sea turtle for the meal. When the cook was about to slaughter the sea turtle, he could see tears falling from its eyes, and then he couldn't bear to complete the act. He reported this to the son and requested that it be liberated. Not only was the son unsympathetic, he immediately grabbed a sharp knife, and hacked off the turtle's head in a rage. No sooner had its head fallen to the floor, when the head jumped up in the air and landed on a beam. When everyone saw this happen, they were startled, alarmed, and amazed.

After the turtle was cooked and seasoned, its flavor was quite delicious, and they split it in two. One half was served to the relatives and the other half was served to the guests. The son had tasted only a few morsels of the meat, when suddenly his head and eyes felt dizzy and he fell unconscious. The only thing he was able to see was the top of the beam covered with turtle heads.



His close relatives carried him to his bedroom. When they got there, he saw turtle heads completely filling his bed and bed curtain. He himself said that several hundred turtles had come to bite his feet, and the pain was unbearable.

He yelled and screamed for three days and nights, and then, unable to get well, he died.



### *Killing a Fresh-Water Turtle and Cooking Its Body*

#### 殺龜烹身

In Jyang Su Province, Jen Jyang County, Jen An Harbor, there was a man who was fond of eating fresh-water turtle.

One night, in a dream, he saw a person clothed in black, bowing to him and begging for his life to be spared. That night the man's wife had the same dream.

The next day, in the morning, a fisherman brought him a big fresh-water turtle. The man was delighted, but his wife exhorted him, saying, "Last night we dreamt of a person in black clothing. I'm afraid that person was just this big turtle. Why don't we do a good deed and liberate it?"

However, when the man saw the fresh-water turtle, his mind got confused, and he would not allow it. He took the fresh-water turtle, slaughtered it, and cooked it. And he ate it with gusto.

After eating, the man suddenly felt like taking a bath, and so he went into the bathroom. Time passed by without any sound coming from the room, when all of a sudden, his wife became frightened. She hurried to take a look. When she opened the door to the bathroom, she couldn't even see the shadow of a person. Instead, the only thing she saw was a bathtub filled with blood. There was no flesh or bones; all that remained was the man's brain, and nothing more.