

## Two Monks

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Listen to the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word.

What happens if we can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ about events that happened in the past? Sometimes those memories become a problem. That's one possible message in this \_\_\_\_\_ story.

One morning, two monks were walking along a \_\_\_\_\_ path. One man was old and wise. The other was young and didn't have much \_\_\_\_\_.

Around lunch time, the two men came to a \_\_\_\_\_ river. The water was moving at a great speed. They \_\_\_\_\_ the current. They were looking for a safe place to cross.

Soon, a young woman \_\_\_\_\_ them. She wanted to go to the other side of the river, but was \_\_\_\_\_. She asked the monks if they would help her.

Without speaking, the old monk put the woman on his \_\_\_\_\_. Then he crossed the river. He walked \_\_\_\_\_ and carefully.

On the other side of the river, he put her on the \_\_\_\_\_. She thanked the man and \_\_\_\_\_ on her journey.

The young monk was \_\_\_\_\_ by what he had seen. He was taught that monks should never \_\_\_\_\_ a woman.

On the other side of the river, the young monk wanted to ask a \_\_\_\_\_. But he didn't say a word.

Several hours \_\_\_\_\_, and the two men did not speak. Finally, after many hours of not talking, the young monk \_\_\_\_\_. He asked the old man, "Monks are not allowed to touch women. Why did you \_\_\_\_\_ her on your back?"

The old man turned \_\_\_\_\_ and looked at the young man. Then he said, "My dear brother, I put that woman on the ground many \_\_\_\_\_ ago. Why do you still \_\_\_\_\_ her in your mind?"