

Once upon a time in Japan, two painters and a man from Edo happened to shared a room in a certain inn.

They started talking together and the man from Edo said,

"By the way, what do you do in your life? "

Then one of the two painters proudly answered,

"I am a painter. i draw pictures while traveling from country to country."

Then the other said,

"I also draw. Traveling with my colleague,I draw beautiful sceneries."

When the man from Edo heard their answers, he got vexed. So he lied, saying

"In fact, I am a painter, too. i am a bit famous in Edo"

Then the two painters said.

"What a coincidence! Ok, let's have fun drawing something to compare our skills!"

"That's a good idea. It would be a good occasion to see how a master draws in Edo."

The man from Edo got annoyed with this proposal.

(Oh my God, I know nothing about what drawing is!)

But, of course, he couldn't say that he told a lie.

So he said, in order to gain a little bit of time, "Well, could someone start first of all?"

Then one of the painters started drawing and he quickly finished a picture.

It represented a mother who is giving food to her small child. It was quite a nice work.

But the man from Edo criticized the work saying, "It is strange that the mother closes her mouth.It is natural that parents open their mouths when they put food into children's, isn't it? Some more efforts, maybe?"

Then the other painter drew a lumber who is cutting a tree.

His painting was also quite good.

(Indeed, both of them are really good as painter!)

The man from Edo really admired their works in his mind like this, but with a disappointed look, he said,"It is strange that there are no wood chips left, even though the lumber cut the tree so much."

The two painters were not happy with his sarcasm.

"So, now is the time for you to show us your skills. As you know very well how to comment kindly on our paintings, you must be a fantastic painter."

"Ok."

The man from Edo put plenty of ink on his brush and painted on a sheet of paper. It got covered with black ink.

"Is this really a picture?"

"It seems to me that you just painted it all black."

Then the man from Edo answered as if nothing particular had happened,

"Both of you would have still a lot of things to learn if you do not see that this shows a black cattle coming out from the darkness!"



