

Sensible Yasohachi *funbetsu yasohachi*

There were six Yasohachis in the same villgace; a sensible Yasohachi, a gambler Yasohachi, a heterodoxy Yasohachi, a farmer Yasohachi, a rice dealer Yasohachi, and a thief Yasohachi.

One day, the gambler Yasohachi hit to death by the heterodoxy Yasohachi over the game. The heterodoxy Yasohachi did not have any intention to kill the burglar Yasohachi, so he visited the sensible Yasohachi to ask for an advice what should he do to lighten his fear. The heterodoxy Yasohachi begged with some money “I happended to kill the gambler Yasohachi, could you give me some sensible idea.” The sensible Yasohachi told him to bring the dead body to the rice field of the farmer Yasohachi and put that at the spout of Yasohachi. The heterodoxy Yasohachi did so.

When the farmer Yasohachi went out to his rice field to water the field at night, he saw someone crouching at the water spout there. The farmer Yasohachi shouted “Who are you stealing my water!”, then strongly hit the person from its back. The person collapsed on the ground. The farmer Yasohachi was horrified to realize that he actually killed the man, and hurried to visit the sensible Yasohachi.

The sensible Yasohachi charged the farmer Yasohachi for giving him an advice that he should put the dead body in the rice storehouse. The farmer Yasohachi put the dead body in the straw bag, covered that with the piles of straw bags, and quickly ran back to his home.

Then the burglar Yasohachi did not know anything about what the farmer Yasohachi did, he stole the straw rice bag with the dead body, brought back to his home. The burglar Yasohachi was surprised of finding the dead gambler Yasohachi in the straw rice bag, and went out to consult the sensible Yasohachi with some money. The sensible Yasohachi advised the burglar Yasohachi, that he should bring the dead body to the gambler Yasohachi’s house. The sensible Yasohachi said, “The wife of the gambler Yasohachi will definitely grumble over her hasband’s loose habit. Then you should call out, ‘I will throw myself into the well,’ and throw the dead body in the well.”

The burglar Yasohachi followed the sensible Yasohachi’s advice and threw the dead gambler Yasohachi in the well when he heard the gambler’s wife shouted “Go to hell!” The wife was weeping around the village that her husband had fallen into the well. The only person who made a profit was the sensible Yasohachi.