

The Wife's Dream

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There was once a husband and wife who loved each other very much and everyone around could see that. The wife saw that her husband liked to sit and drink coffee with his friends. Everyday, she made him fresh coffee to take to work, so that he could enjoy it during his breaks. However, the husband did not really like coffee, he only enjoyed sitting with his friends who happened to all drink coffee and to be sociable he would have a cup as well. Everyday when he got home, he would pour the coffee into his wife's flask, so she could drink it herself later.

Time passed by and one night the wife began to dream that her husband was having an affair. This upset her, but when she woke up she knew it was just a dream and not real. So she tried to forget about it and went on as normal, but that night she had the same dream. Again she dreamt that her husband was having an affair and when she woke up, she was angry and did not talk to him. She told herself that it was not real and only a dream and soon she felt a little better, started to smile again and talk to her husband, and even felt she loved him more.

Friendship Forever

However, come night time she had the dream again and this time she woke up very unhappy. Now she was convinced her husband was having an affair! That day she went out and bought some poison. The next day she put some of it into his coffee and did the same for the following days and so little by little she poisoned him.

After many days though, the husband was still very healthy and strong, but she felt very sick. Of course her husband did not drink the coffee and had been pouring it back into her flask. In the end she died from her own poison.

It is a very sad story and I was shocked when I read it in a Buddhist book. But it is quite true, if you want to hurt someone, in the end it will come back to you. We should not even think about hurting or harming someone else as what goes round comes back around, cause and effect and this is Buddhism.

If someone wants to harm us, we should just avoid it or defend ourselves, but we must never try and take revenge. We want more friends and not enemies.

