

Welcome to the Little Monk Stories

Inspired by traditional Zen stories, and by the monks of
Zen Monastery Peace Center and their teacher, Cheri Huber

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Who are monks? They are people who want to study and practice their religion all of the time. To do so they often live in communities called monasteries. There have been monks in different religions, in many different places, for hundreds and hundreds of years.

The monks in these stories are Buddhist. Some of these tales were told centuries ago in China and Japan. Some are happening right now in a monastery in California. The old stories could be new. The new stories could be old. They all tell about people walking a path toward happiness, kindness and wonder.

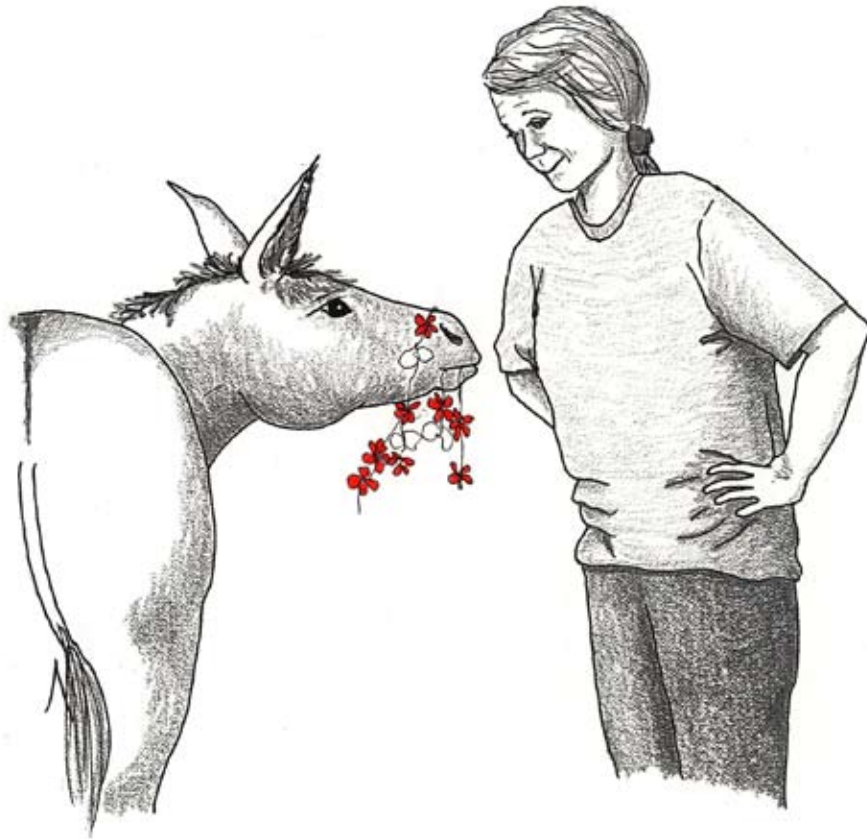
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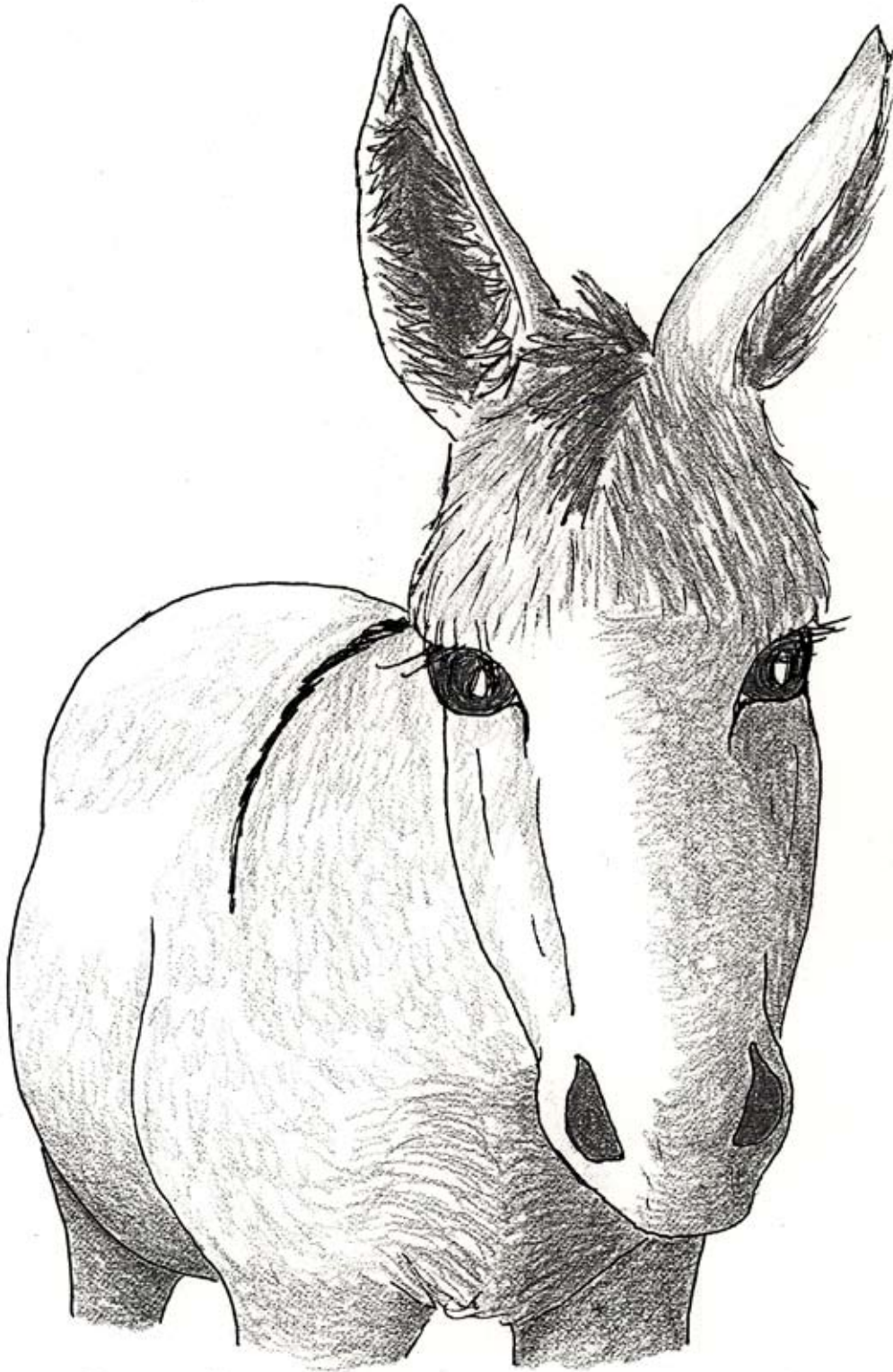
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Wrangler



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For awhile at the monastery we donkey-sat
Wrangler.



Wrangler loved to eat!

He ate grass

and leaves

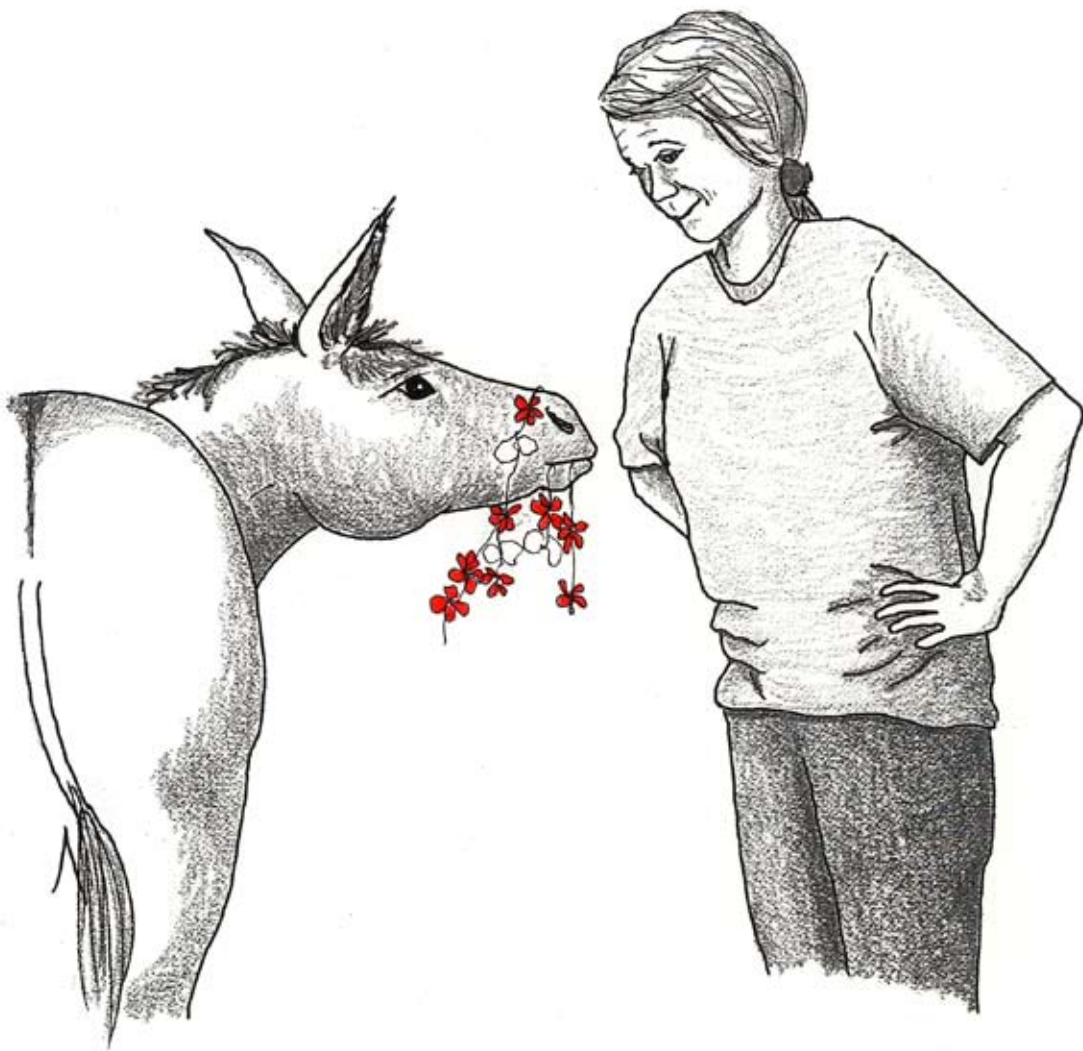


and oats

and hay.

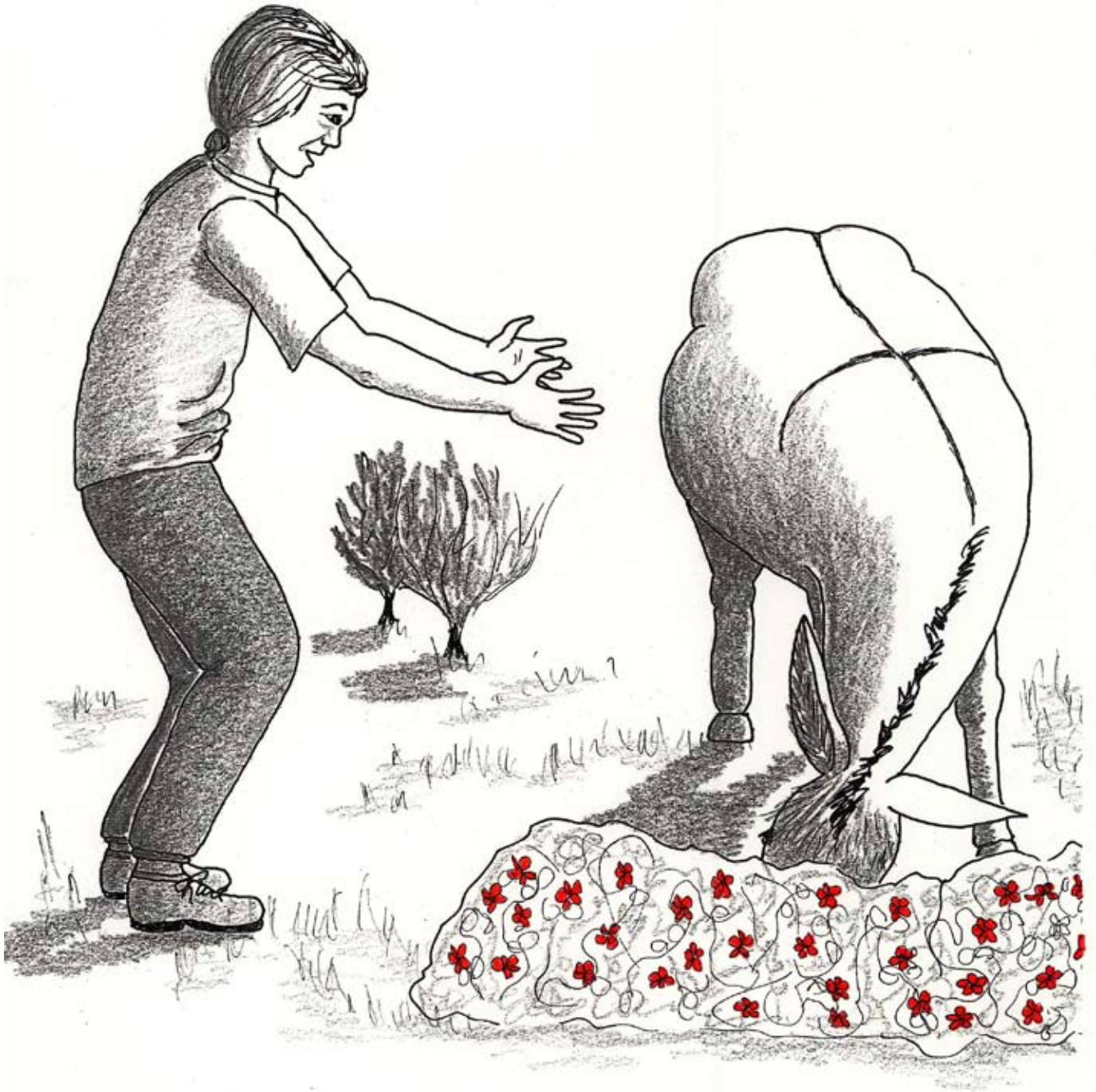
He also liked to eat
most of the bushes and flowers
we planted.





One day Fiona found him munching the nasturtiums.

She tried calling him away.



She tried leading him away.

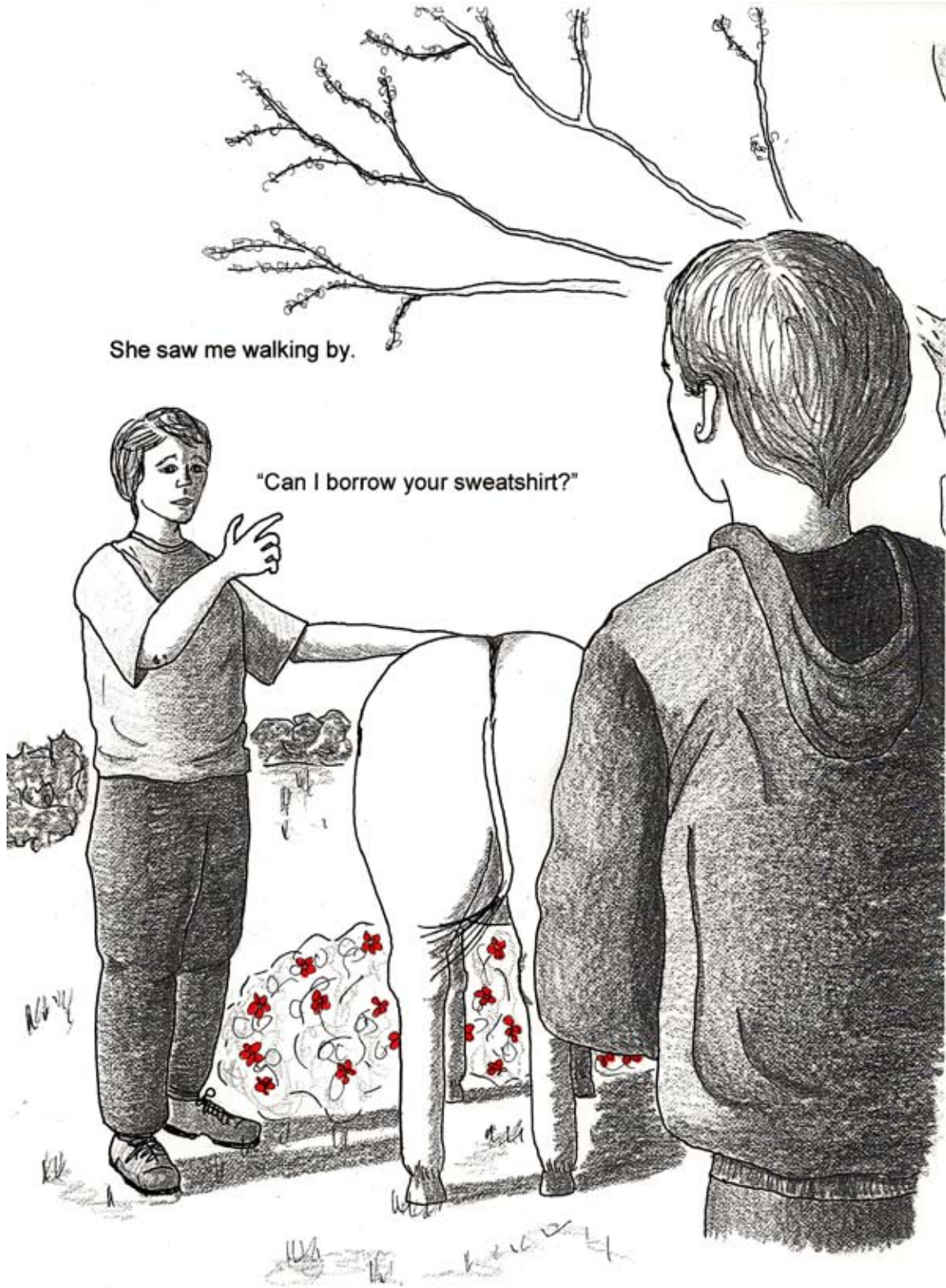


That didn't work either.

She tried enticing him with carrots.



Nasturtiums tasted better.



The sweatshirt didn't look very appetizing to Wrangler.



We knew what our next garden project would be:

building a donkey-proof fence!

