

## THE MOMENT THE LITTLE BOY SAW THE LAMA, HE WENT TO HIM . . .

The Lama Kewtsang Rinpoché of Sera Monastery was disguised in a cloak, but round his neck he was wearing a rosary which had belonged to the Thirteenth Dalai Lama. The little boy seemed to recognize the rosary, and he asked to be given it. The lama promised to give it to him if he could guess who he was, and the boy replied that he was Sera-aga, which meant, in the local dialect, "a lama of Sera." The lama asked who the "master" was, and the boy gave the name of Losang. He also knew the name of the real servant, which was Amdo Kasang.

The lama spent the whole day watching the little boy with increasing interest, until it was time for the boy to be put to bed. All the party stayed in the house for the night, and early the next morning, when they were making ready to leave, the boy got out of his bed and insisted that he wanted to go with them.

I was that boy.

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