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Don't act smart with Shankaracharya, you will get roasted...

This is a very interesting story from ShankarDigvijaya where Mandan Mishra tries to insult Shankaracharya but gets insulted in return.



The fun lies in the twisting of meanings of Sanskrit words by Shankaracharya.I will try my best to translate while preserving the real meaning.

Shankaracharya went to house of Mandan Mishra to debate with him, but he found the door locked so he took alternate way and went in

The conversation that followed went somewhat like this...

On seeing Shankaracharya

Mandan(angrily)- From where did you come, you bald fellow?

Shankar - I am bald till neck.

(He said [redacted] Shankar took meaning as, 'How far are you shaven?' so he replied till neck.)

Mandan - I did not ask this, I asked your way

Shankar - Then what did the way reply?

(Mandan ment "I asked about your way" (From where did you come?) Shankar twisted meaning as 'I asked your way' so he said "What did the way reply?")

Mandan (frustrated) - It said, your mother is bald.

Shankar - But you asked it, it must be talking about your mother not mine.

Mandan(Fuming) - Oh ! Did you drink alcohol ?? (Are you drunk)

Shankar - No Alcohol is white not yellow

(He said [redacted]? Here [redacted] has two meanings, drunk and yellow, Shankar twisted the meaning as yellow and said no it was white not yellow.)

Mandan (slyly) - Oh, so you know about the color of Alcohol...

Shankar - Yes I know the colour but you know the taste.

Mandan (totally frustrated) - (Indicating towards Shankar) This poisoned meat eater has gone mad thats why (he is) speaking like this.

Shankar - True, just like his father, your child born from you is a poisoned meat eater.

(He said [redacted] it has two meanings, 1."Poisoned meat eater has gone mad"
2 "Poisoned meat eater was born from me"

Shankar twisted the meaning and took second meaning.)

Their talk continued after this, If readers are interested I will make a thread of their rest of their talk

Original for thise who are interested

कुतो मुण्ड्यागलान्मुण्डी पन्थास्ते पृच्छ्यते मया ।
किमाह पन्थास्त्वन्माता मुण्डेत्याह तथैव हि ॥ १६

पन्थानं त्वमपृच्छस्त्वां पन्थाः प्रत्याह मण्डन ।
त्वन्मातेत्यत्र शब्दोऽयं न मां ब्रूयादपृच्छकम् ॥ १७

अहो पीता किमु सुरा नैव श्वेता यतः स्मर ।
किं त्वं जानासि तद्वर्णमहं वर्णं भवान् रसम् ॥ १८

मत्तो जातः कलञ्जाशी विपरीतानि भाषते ।
सत्यं ब्रवीति पितृवत्त्वत्तो जातः कलञ्जभुक् ॥ १९

कन्थां वहसि दुर्बुद्धे गर्दभेनापि दुर्वहाम् ।
शिखायज्ञोपवीताभ्यां कस्ते भारो भविष्यति ॥ २०

कन्थां वहामि दुर्बुद्धे तव पित्रापि दुर्वहाम् ।
शिखायज्ञोपवीताभ्यां श्रुतेर्भारो भविष्यति ॥ २१

त्यक्त्वा पाणिगृहीतीं स्वामशक्त्या परिरक्षणे ।
शिष्यपुस्तकभारेच्छोर्व्याख्याता ब्रह्मनिष्ठता ॥ २२

गुरुशुश्रूषणालस्यात्समावर्त्य गुरोः कुलात् ।
स्त्रियः शुश्रूषमाणस्य व्याख्याता कर्मनिष्ठता ॥ २३