The taxi ride back to my flat was pleasant: the driver was lovely enough to offer me watermelon after wrongly assuming I was a professional soccer player. He even turned the radio down while I talked with mom on the phone and shared with her the story about the monk. But, he also tried to charge me eighty baht more than the meter said I owed.

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When I suggested he go to the eye doctor to see if he might need glasses, he go to the eye doctor to see if he might need glasses, as an invitation to practice and deepen his meditation. Then he asked where I lived, how much I paid for rent and if he could have my phone number.

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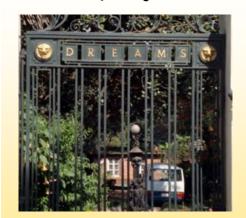
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During the course of our conversation he shared that he was studying for his Master's degree in comparative philosophy, and that he sometimes gets migraines from reading so much.

He was musky, so I smelled him before I turned around and saw him. When I did, he was smiling a smile full of plaque enameled teeth that looked like they'd gone to bed and woken up the next morning without being brushed for a few days.

I was in line, reading my book, waiting for my number to be called when a monk from Cambodia came up behind me, looked over my shoulder and asked what I was reading.

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Forty-five minutes into the taxi ride to the immigration office the driver realized he'd lost us. So, he parked on the side of the road and asked for help from a few different passing pedestrians which landed us at a Visa stamping office for Thais wanting to go to Cambodia.

By now he was quite upset.

So, he hailed another taxi,
gave the driver the paper with the directions on it,
kicked me out of his car and drove off.

When we arrived the taxi driver tried to charge me eighty baht more than the meter said I owed. I gave him exact change and thanked him for his help.