

# IN THE WAY

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- 1: Ah! You're here at last. A little late for your lesson, aren't you?  
2: I got stuck in traffic.  
1: When one is a master, one never worries about the traffic. It's so easily overcome by--the way.  
2: Oh. That's nice. I guess—I'm not a master yet.  
1: Obviously not. That's why you've come to me.  
2: Right.  
1: Well. Are we ready for today's lesson?  
2: Yes.  
1: Sit down. **(2 sits on floor)** Good. Now, cross your legs. **(2 does)** Good. Take a deep breath. Clear your mind.  
2: **(deep breath)** Ahhhhhhh.  
1: Good. Very good.  
2: It was so awful out there in traffic—  
1: Sttt!  
2: Sorry—  
1: We don't think about the traffic now.  
2: Of course.  
1: Time to clear the mind. Let go. Relax.  
2: Yes.  
1: Take the traffic and put it in a little box. Are you picturing a box? Now toss it out an imaginary window.  
2: Okay.  
1: Did you do it?  
2: Yes, but —  
1: Sttt! Tossing. Tossing.  
2: Tossing.  
1: Tossing. . .  
2: It's tossed.  
1: Good. So you've tossed away all of your troubles. Are you relaxed now?  
2: Yes.  
1: Another deep breath? **(2 takes deep breath)** Very good. And another? **(2 does)** Good. Now, dear student. You will learn the way of the master.  
2: **(dreamy)** Yes.  
1: Complete control over everything.  
2: **(dreamy)** Control. Ah! **(silence. Meditation. 2 suddenly reacts and jumps out of the trance)**

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- 1: What's wrong?  
2: What did you call me?  
1: I beg your pardon?  
2: You called me a pig.  
1: You're hallucinating.  
2: No, you said it quite loudly—  
1: Relax.  
2: I'm not a pig—  
1: Shhh.  
2: Well, I'm not.  
1: Just relax. Breathe in. And out. In. And out.  
2: In and out. . . In and out. . . (**starts again**) I will not give you my wallet.  
1: I beg your pardon?  
2: You just told me to—  
1: I said nothing.  
2: You're a crook.  
1: But money is nothing to me.  
2: Then why did you ask for it?  
1: I didn't.  
2: But—  
1: Sttt!  
2: But you—  
1: Sttt!  
2: But I--  
1: Sttt! Sttt! Sttt! Eyes closed. (**2 closes eyes**) So you thought you heard my voice.  
2: I did—  
1: Sttt! (**pause**) I was only testing you.  
2: Testing?  
1: But of course. When one is in "The Way," one can read minds.  
2: That's impossible.  
1: You've already done it.  
2: I didn't.  
1: Read this.  
2: What? I— (**suddenly hears something in mind**) How dare you!  
1: What did you hear?  
2: I can't repeat such language.  
1: You see? You can read minds.  
2: I don't want to work with you anymore. Potty mouth.  
1: Sit down.  
2: But I— (**pause. Reacts**) I can't believe you just thought that!  
1: Counter me.  
2: I'd never say--

- 1: Not with your mouth. With your mind.  
2: I can't--  
1: You can. Sit down and concentrate. Respond to me with a--**(he suddenly jumps as if kicked from behind)** Ow!  
2: **(slow smile)** What's the matter, Master?  
1: I just had a--**(slow realization)** You didn't just. . .  
2: Just what?  
1: That's impossible.  
2: You said nothing was impossible.  
1: But you're only a student. You couldn't have learned--**(another jump)**  
Ow! **(Pause. Furious)** You devil.  
2: You've called me an idiot simpleton for days now.  
1: How long have you held out on me?  
2: Weeks. Just after the counting to a google exercise.  
1: You cad!  
2: I found a website and ordered self-help tapes.  
1: **(horrified)** You studied "The Way" from someone else?  
2: While driving in traffic. Stuck on the Interstate? Just toss in a CD and listen as Master Irving teaches control over your mind.  
1: Dunderhead Irving? That phony charlatan.  
2: The Irving Way works.  
1: Complete nonsense. Irving is a fraud! **(Pause. 1 suddenly hits himself in the head. Pause. Furious)** Stop that!  
2: Stop what?

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