

Enlightenment

Another time there was a famous master called Suibi and he was asked “What is the secret teaching of Buddhism?” And he was asked this in the lecture hall, you know where other monks were studying. And he said “Wait till there's no one around and I'll tell you.”

So later in the day, the monk accosted him and said, “There's nobody around now. What is the secret teaching of Buddhism?”

So, he went into the garden with this monk and he pointed at the bamboos. And the monk said, “I don't understand.” He said what a tall one that is. What a short one that is.

And this awakened the monk.

What I think the story means.


