

# Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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## #122: Falling Into A Snow Cavity While Walking

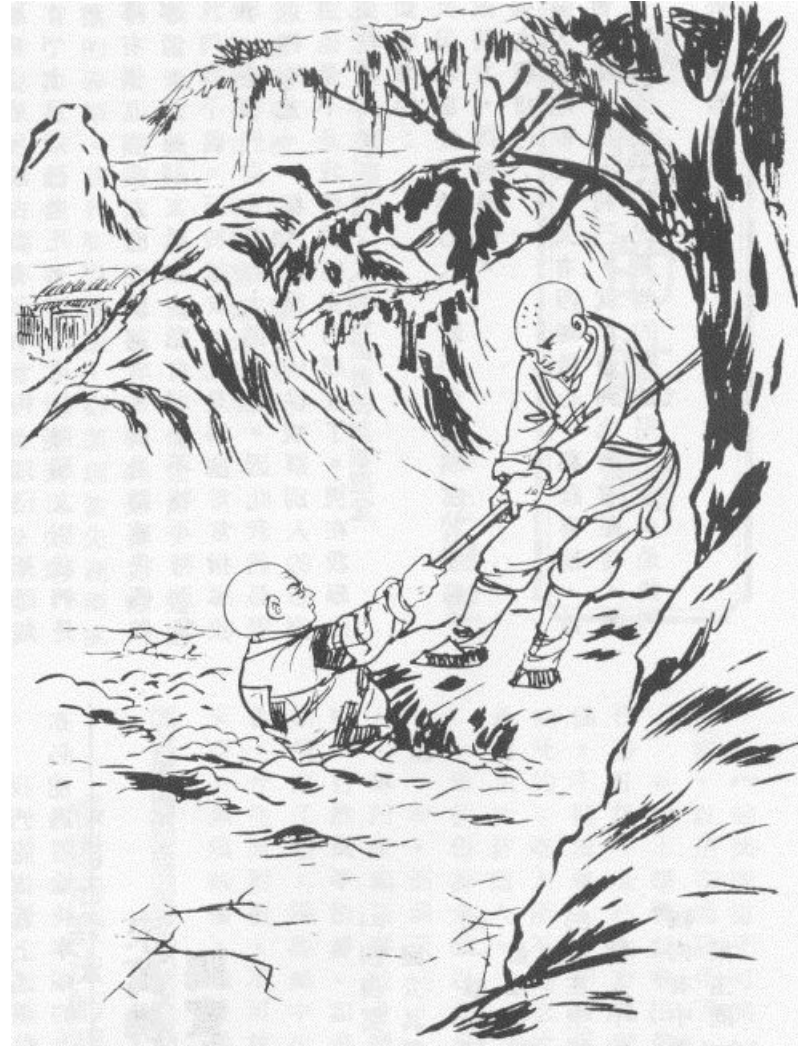
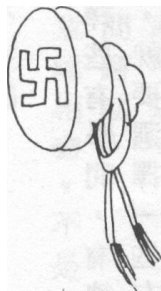
During the winter, the Master called on the Venerable Master Ching Shan (Blue Mountain). Who asked him to go to Chang An for supplies. On the way back, The Master encountered a blizzard as he ascended the mountain. Nearing the new hut, he walked off an overhanging precipice and fell into a snow crevice. His loud hollering brought Dharma Master Yi Chwan (Oneness) from a nearby hut to his rescue. The Master's clothing was drenched and night was falling, but fearing that the snow would make the mountain inaccessible, he kept going on through the night. He finally reached Dharma Master Shan's hut, despite the snow. When Dharma Master Ching Shan saw the Master's disheveled appearance, he laughed and told the latter he was useless. The Master smiled and returned to his hut to pass the New Year.

The Gatha says:

When the Master was doing someone a  
favor, he fell into a snowy hollow.  
Upon his return, he was laughed at  
and mocked as being a useless  
disciple.

He tolerated toil and criticism--the road  
of his mission was long.

He was certified to the fruition of  
Sagehood, proving himself a  
Patriarch.



### 集傳畫尚和老雲虛

行路中隨雪窟  
冬至青山老人。嗚赴  
長安市物。返適大雪。  
上山至新茅蓬。石壁  
懸崖間。隨雪窟中。大  
群。近棚。一全上人來  
救。衣內外濕。將夜恐  
雪封山。連夜撥雪歸。  
詣青師。見公狼狽。嗤  
不濟。發頷之。返度歲。  
宣化偈曰  
為人服務。隨雪窟返。  
被呵嗤。不濟徒。任勞  
任怨。任道遠。證聖証  
果。証祖師。