

## Moshan's Mountain Summit

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The monk Guanxi Xian was sent by his teacher, Master Linji Yixuan, to meet Master Moshan Liaoran, a powerful woman teacher. When he arrived at Mount Moshan, where she taught, he refused to bow to her or take off his traveling hat. He asked, "What is Moshan?"

Moshan replied, "The summit cannot be seen."

He then asked, "Who is the master of Mount Moshan? "

She replied, "Without the form of a man or woman."

He shouted, "Why doesn't she transform herself?"

She replied, "She is not a wild fox spirit, nor a ghost. What would you have her become?"

Guanxi bowed and took off his hat. He became a gardener at her monastery and stayed for three years.