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Nota di contenuto	Cover; Copyright; Contents; Introduction; 1. Military Finance Officer Li visits Buddha and begs for a son; an immortal lohan descends to earth and begins anew the cycle of reincarnation; 2. Dong Shihong sells a daughter to bury a relative; the living lohan rescues a virtuous man; 3. The arts of Chan cure illness in the Zhao home; Buddha's laws operate in secret to end sorrows; 4. Liu Taizhen is deluded by the arts of Chan; Li Guoyuan goes to breakfast and loses a prince's tally; 5. Zhao Wenhui goes to the West Lake to visit Ji Gong; the drunken Chan master explains celestial bargaining 6. Zhao Bin attempts to visit the Great Pavilion a fearless hero is sent upon a horrible errand; 7. Reunited heroes rescue a studious young man; Han Dianyuan reforms his ways with Ji Gong's help; 8. A false order from the prime minister commands that the Great Pagoda be pulled down; the vagabond saint manifests his powers to punish the evil lower officials; 9. Soldiers surround the Monastery of the Soul's Retreat and bring back the mad monk in fetters; Ji Gong's games with the village headmen end with a drunken entrance into the prime minister's estate 10. Prime Minister Qin sees a ghostly spirit in a dream Ji Gong comes by night to exercise the arts of Buddha; 11. Zhao Bin stealthily visits the estate of Prime Minister Qin; the guiltless Wang Xing is mercilessly punished; 12. Qin Da practices a cruel deception; Qin Da seeks to

separate a faithful couple; 13. Wang Xing and his family leave Linan forever; Qin Da is stricken by a strange illness that Ji Gong is asked to cure; 14. A subtle medicine is used to play a joke upon the prime minister's household; a talent for matching couplets amazes the prime minister
15. Changed beyond recognition, an honored monk returns to the Monastery of the Soul's Retreat Ji Gong's money is stolen by a bold ruffian; 16. Spring Fragrance meets a saintly monk in a house of prostitution; Zhao Wenhui sees a poem and feels pity for the writer; 17. A young woman in distress is escorted to the Bright Purity Nunnery; driven by poverty, Gao Guoqin returns to his native place; 18. Gao Guoqin goes to visit a friend, leaving some verses as a message to his wife; Ji Gong is begged to foretell the absent husband's fate; 19. The searchers find the impoverished scholar
the desperate Gao Guoqin returns to familiar scenes
20. When sympathetic friends meet, kindness is repaid with kindness; resentment cherished in the heart of an inferior man brings grievous injury; 21. The virtuous magistrate investigates a strange case; Ji Gong follows the robbers to the Yin Family Ford; 22. The capture of the robbers solves the strange case; a plan for systematic charity is put into action; 23. In the market town of Yunlan, an evil Daoist brings forth a supernatural manifestation; the benevolent Liang Wanzang suffers a calamity
24. Ji Gong hampers the defrauding of the Liang family

Sommario/riassunto

Follow the brilliant and hilarious adventures of a mad Zen Buddhist monk who rose from humble beginnings to become one of China's greatest folk heroes! Ji Gong studied at the great Ling Yin monastery, an immense temple that still ranges up the steep hills above Hangzhou, near Shanghai. The Chan (Zen) Buddhist masters of the temple tried to instruct Ji Gong in the spartan practices of their sect, but the young monk, following in the footsteps of other great ne'er-do-wells, distinguished himself mainly by getting expelled. He left the monastery, became a wanderer with hardly a proper piece of clo
