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**The deception of the fox brings bitterness to the goat.**

***Told by Yang Xiu-gong.***

They tell a story that once upon a time there was a fox who went for a drink of water, and happened to fall into the water hole. Because the hole was deep and in it there was nothing to stand upon to jump, the fox could not get out. One day a goat went for a drink of water and saw the fox. The goat said, "Fox, what are you doing there?" The fox replied, "I am here drinking the water. The water here is very sweet! Come and we can drink together". When the goat jumped down the fox jumped up and stood on his back, then with a single bound he was out. He turned around, looked at the goat and said, "Good-bye, then! If I should return here again I will come and see you!"