

Section 25. This crossroads shows the full range of social groups. At the bottom left a group of literati stands by a pawnshop, whose sign reads “release” (解). One figure guides a small child learning to walk. Donkeys pull a cart laden with two barrels—probably of wine. Directly above the cart a scholar talks to a Buddhist monk with a shaved head. Just to the right are two figures in long white robes, whose hair pins and hairstyle identify them as Daoists.

On the far side of the street, the large shop with imposing tiled roofs bears a sign: “The Liu Family Shop for Fine Sandalwood Furniture” (劉家上色沉檀棟?). Facing the street, a man selling religious figurines sits under umbrellas, while on the left edge of the section, two men draw water from a well. Directly underneath them, a peddler walks by carrying a wooden back-frame laden with toys.