







What did you learn from Kompei Hayashiya as your master?

He taught me through his actions because that's his style. I was only ever assigned one story by Master Kompei because, in rakugo, you tend to get assigned more stories by other masters. Being a disciple basically means you get the chance to spend long hours in close proximity to your master. In other words, the chance to learn from your master's manner, words, actions and overall approach to life.