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Text

319. “Bhikkhus, I do not know of a single person who is intentionally doing so much damage to so many; working for the detriment and harm of countless people; bringing misfortune, unhappiness and suffering to beings; inflicting sorrow and pain upon both Devas and humans, as that empty shell of a man called Makkhali!

“Imagine, Bhikkhus, a snare is placed at the mouth of a river capturing and destroying the lives of so many fish, bringing sorrow, pain, with certain death and destruction, to each and every one of them. In the same manner, Bhikkhus, that empty shell of a man called Makkhali, is himself that trap, who is intentionally doing so much damage to so many; working for the detriment and harm of countless people; bringing misfortune, unhappiness and suffering to so many beings!”