Pv 46 — Pāṭalīputta Sutta: The Woman from Pataliputta

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Text

When a man who was attached to a woman died on an ocean journey, he was reborn as a ghost in that same ocean. He found the woman and brought her to live in the ghost world for a year. Then she asked to be returned to her home.

Ghost:

You have seen hell beings, animals, ghosts, asuras, as well as gods and humans. You have seen how they experience the results of their own karma. Now I am going to take you to Pataliputta city. When you go there, you must do meritorious deeds.

Woman:

Friend, you wish for me to be happy. I will do what you say. Please be my teacher. I have seen hell beings, animals, ghosts, asuras, as well as gods and humans and how they experience the results of their own karma. I must do lots of meritorious deeds.