Pv 51 — Saṭṭhikūṭasahassa Sutta: Hit by Sixty Thousand Hammers

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Why do you look like a crazy person? Why are you running around like a scared animal? You must have done lots of evil deeds in the past. Why do you make that screeching noise?

Ghost:

Bhante, I am a ghost. As a result of my evil deeds, I am experiencing much suffering. From all directions sixty thousand hammers fly towards me and split my head.

Moggallana Bhante:

What kind of evil deed did you do by body, speech, and mind to have sixty thousand hammers fly towards you from all directions and split your head?

Ghost:

When I was in the human world, I saw a Pacceka Buddha named Sunetta. That fearless Buddha was meditating under a tree. I punched him with my fist and split his head. It is as a result of that deed that I have to suffer like this. From all directions, sixty thousand hammers fly towards me and split my head.

Moggallana Bhante:

You deserve to have sixty thousand hammers fly towards you from all directions and split your head. Evil doer, this is happening according to your evil deed.