Ud 2.3 — Daṇḍa Sutta: The Stick

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Text

I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying near Sāvatthī at Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's monastery. And on that occasion, a large number of boys on the road between Sāvatthī & Jeta's Grove were hitting a snake with a stick. Then early in the morning the Blessed One adjusted his under robe and — carrying his bowl & robes — went into Sāvatthī for alms. He saw the large number of boys on the road between Sāvatthī & Jeta's Grove hitting the snake with a stick.

Then, on realizing the significance of that, the Blessed One on that occasion exclaimed:

Whoever hits with a stick beings desiring ease, when he himself is looking for ease, will meet with no ease after death. Whoever doesn't hit with a stick beings desiring ease, when he himself is looking for ease, will meet with ease after death.[1]

Note

1.

These verses are identical with Dhp 131-132.