Vv 13 — Paṭhama Suṇisā Sutta: Daughter-in-Law Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Devata, your beauty shines in all directions like the bright star named Osadhi.

What are the meritorious deeds that led to this happiness?

Tell me Devata, what kind of meritorious action did you do when you were in the human world to have gained this beauty that shines in all directions, and to have earned all these wonderful things?

That devata, delighted at being questioned by Arahant Moggallana, gladly explained what she had done that resulted in such great happiness.

Devata:

In my previous life, I was a woman in the human world, a daughter-in-law living in my father-in-law's house. One day I was pleased to see a monk who was free from defilements and had a peaceful mind.

I had two oil cakes and happily offered one to the monk with my own hands. To my amazement, I was reborn in the heavenly Nandana Park as a goddess.

Because of this meritorious deed, I have been born as a very beautiful devata and enjoy all the wonderful things that delight my heart.

Great Bhante, that was the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body that shines in all directions.