Vv 41 — Nāga Sutta: Elephant Mansion

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Text

Vangisa Bhante:

Devata, you are traveling in the sky on the back of a very large divine elephant who has psychic powers. Your elephant is decorated with a beautiful golden net and golden flowers. On the elephant's two tusks, there are beautiful ponds with crystal clear water and many lotus flowers. In the middle of each lotus, a devata is dancing to divine music.

Devata, you are very powerful even amongst the gods, shining brightly in all directions. what kind of meritorious actions did you do when you were in the human world?

Devata:

When I was in the human world, one day I went to Baranasi to see the Supreme Buddha. I offered a pair of robes to the Blessed One, worshiped his sacred feet, and sat down and paid homage to the Buddha by happily placing my hands together.

The Supreme Buddha's body shines with the color of pure gold. The Great Teacher taught me the cause of suffering, the suffering of this impermanent life, the unconditioned sorrowless state, the supreme bliss of Nibbana, and the Noble Eightfold Path which leads to the destruction of defilements.

My lifespan was very short. After death I was reborn among the devas of the Tavatimsa Heaven where there is much entertainment. Now I am a wife of the god Sakka. My name is Yasuttara and everybody knows who I am.