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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

The best parks among all parks are Nandana and Cittalata Parks, found in the great Tavatimsa Heaven. Dear Deva, your mansion shines in the sky like those two parks.

Powerful Deva, you have become a leader among devas. The pure radiance of your body and limbs is stainless and shines in all directions.

Tell me Deva, 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 deva, delighted at being questioned by Arahant Moggallana, gladly explained what he had done that resulted in such great happiness.

Deva:

In my previous life, I lived in the human world. I was a very poor, helpless servant. I supported my old mother and father. Virtuous monks were very dear to me and I had confidence in them. I respectfully offered them much almsfood.

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

Great Bhante, those were the meritorious actions I did to have such a beautiful body that shines in all directions.