Vv 85 — Sunikkhitta Sutta: Sunikkhitta’s Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Dear Deva, this mansion is very high, spreading for a hundred and twenty kilometers. There are pillars of beryl and other gemstones. Seven hundred small houses with triangular-shaped roofs are within the complex. This mansion is extremely beautiful.

Inside the mansion, you are drinking and eating. The sweet music of divine guitars plays throughout the complex. Well-trained devatas delight in dancing and singing.

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, 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:

Some flowers that had been offered to the stupa of the Supreme Buddha had been scattered here and there. I arranged those flowers beautifully while recollecting the great qualities of the Supreme Buddha. Now I enjoy heavenly pleasures and have great power and might.

Because of this meritorious deed, I have been born as a very beautiful deva and enjoy all the wonderful things that delight my heart. The radiance of my body shines in all directions. Great Bhante, that was the meritorious action I did when I was in the human world.

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