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Text

A Sword

Satti Sutta (SN 1:21)

As she was standing there, the devatā recited this verse in the Blessed One’s presence:

“As if struck by a sword,

as if his head were on fire,

a monk should live the wandering life

—mindful—

for the abandoning of sensual passion.”

The Buddha:

“As if struck by a sword,

as if his head were on fire,

a monk should live the wandering life

—mindful—

for the abandoning of self-identity.”

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See also: SN 22:1; AN 10:51; Thag 1:39