

Mara is one stone cold dude

Unfortunately for you, Buddha was a master of understatement... Mara is not just some bad guy, he is the **personification** of the Standard Model and General Relativity. You are not up against some fairy tale villain, you are up against the nature of your universe & the worst case::: *you the self!* (qv **suttas**)...There is always a loophole—anicca fails because Mara is a permanent “bug” of the universe. Of course, Mara is also Loki and coyote<<<<

Sorry to rain on your parade. DharmaC.

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Buddha's silence speaks suchly : “what did the Buddha not say about Mara?” **hint: this is NOT a koan.** Mara's master counter move: the answer set is infinite!

The history of Buddhism is almost this: People encounter the Buddha, and like the ajivika, poo poo... (cherry pick) *Ariyapariyesana Sutta* includes Mara. IMHO should be the primary sutta of buddhism. Note it is quite different than the “purported first sermon to the big five”