

## **Nissaggiya Pācittiya #24: Acquiring a Rain-Cloth at an Improper Time**

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's Grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, a rain-cloth had been allowed for the monks by the Blessed One. [Some] group-of-six monks, [thinking] "A rain-cloth has been allowed by the Blessed One," sought out robe[-cloth to make] rain-cloths ahead of time. After making the [rain-cloths] ahead of time, they wore them. They bathed in the rain using their old rain-cloths. Those monks who of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will seek out robe[-cloth to make] rain-cloths ahead of time, make them ahead of time and wear them, then use their old rain-cloths when bathing in the rain?" Then those monks, after reprimanding the group-of-six monks in many ways, reported this matter to the Blessed One... "Is it true, monks, that you sought out robe[-cloth to make] rain-cloths ahead of time, made them ahead of time and wore them, then bathed in the rain using your old rain-cloths?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it, foolish men, that you will seek out robe[-cloth to make] rain-cloths ahead of time, make them ahead of time and wear them, then use your old rain-cloths when bathing in the rain? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

**"[Thinking] 'A month remains of the hot season,' a monk may seek out robe[-cloth to make] a rain-cloth. [Thinking] 'Half a month remains of the hot season,' after making [a rain-cloth] it can be worn. If [a monk] seeks out robe[-cloth to make] a rain-cloth [when thinking] 'More than a month remains of the hot season,' or if he makes and wears [a rain-cloth] [when thinking] 'More than half a month remains of the hot season': a Nissaggiya Pācittiya."**

**[Thinking] "A month remains of the hot season," a monk may seek out robe[-cloth to make] a rain-cloth:** This is to be said after approaching ahead of time those people who give robe[-cloth to make] rain-cloths: "It is time for a rain-cloth. It is the occasion for a rain-cloth. Other people are also giving robe[-cloth] for rain-cloths." One is not to say, "Give me robe[-cloth] for a rain-cloth. Bring me robe[-cloth] for a rain-cloth. Make a trade for robe[-cloth] for a rain-cloth for me. Buy me robe[-cloth] for a rain-cloth."

**[Thinking] 'Half a month remains of the hot season,' after making [a rain-cloth] it can be worn:** After making [a rain-cloth] when half a month is left of the hot season, it can be worn.

**[Thinking] "More than a month remains of the hot season":** One seeks out robe[-cloth to make] a rain-cloth when there is more than a month left of the hot season: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

**[Thinking] “More than half a month remains of the hot season”:** If one makes and wears [a rain-cloth] when more than half a month remains of the hot season, it [requires] relinquishment. It is to be relinquished to a Saṅgha, a group, or an individual. And, monks, it is to be relinquished in this way... “Bhante, this robe[-cloth] of mine [for making] a rain-cloth was sought out when more than a month remained of the hot season; [and/or] [a rain-cloth] was made and worn when more than half a month was left of the hot season.<sup>371</sup> It [requires] relinquishment. I relinquish it to the Saṅgha...”

Perceiving it as more [than a month] when more than a month remains of the hot season, one seeks out robe[-cloth to make a] rain-cloth: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

In doubt when more than a month remains...: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

Perceiving it as less [than a month] when more than a month remains...: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

Perceiving it as more [than half a month] when more than half a month remains of the hot season, one makes and wears [a rain-cloth]: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

In doubt when more than half a month remains...: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

Perceiving it as less [than half a month] when more than half a month remains...: a Nissaggiya Pācittiya.

One bathes naked in the rain when there is a rain-cloth [to use]: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as more [than a month] when less than a month remains of the hot season: a Dukkaṭa offense.

In doubt when less than a month remains of the hot season: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as less [than a month] when less than a month remains of the hot season: non-offense.

Perceiving it as more [than half a month] when less than half a month remains of the hot season: a Dukkaṭa offense.

In doubt when less than half a month remains of the hot season: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as less [than half a month] when less than half a month remains of the hot season: non-offense.

### **Non-offense[s]:**

[Thinking] “A month remains of the hot season,” one seeks out robe[-cloth to make a] rain-cloth;

[thinking] “Half a month remains of the hot season,” one makes and wears [a rain-cloth];

[thinking] “Less than a month remains of the hot season,” one seeks out robe[-cloth to make a] rain-cloth;

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<sup>371</sup> Although the Vibhaṅga indicates that there are two separate Nissaggiya offenses here – one for seeking out cloth, and one for making and wearing the robe – there is only one confession statement provided, which mentions both offenses. Presumably if a monk had committed only one of the two offenses he would omit the clause for the offense which he had not committed.

[thinking] “Less than half a month remains of the hot season,” one makes and wears [a rain-cloth];

after seeking out robe[-cloth to make a] rain-cloth [and/or] when one has worn the rain-cloth, [if] the Rains[-retreat] is delayed, one is to put away [the rain-cloth] after washing it;

one may wear it at the [proper] occasion; for one whose robe has been stolen; for one whose robe has been lost; when there are misfortunes; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.