

## Pācittiya #55: Frightening Another Monk

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's Grove, in Anāthapiṇḍaka's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, [some] group-of-six monks frightened [some] group-of-seventeen monks. Terrified, they wept. Monks said to them, "Venerables, why do you weep?" "Venerables, these group-of-six monks frightened us." Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will frighten monks?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, frightened monks?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will frighten monks? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

**"If any monk frightens a monk: a Pācittiya."**

**Any monk:** ...

**Monk:** Another monk.

**Frightens:** A fully ordained person with the desire to frighten directs a sight, sound, smell, flavor, or touch at a fully ordained person. Whether he is afraid or not: a Pācittiya offense. One describes a wilderness with thieves, predators, or goblins.<sup>600</sup> Whether he is afraid or not: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as fully ordained, one frightens: a Pācittiya offense.  
In doubt about a fully ordained person, one frightens: a Pācittiya offense.  
Perceiving a fully ordained person as unordained, one frightens: a Pācittiya offense.

With the desire to frighten, one directs a sight, sound, smell, flavor, or touch at an unordained person. Whether he is afraid or not: a Dukkaṭa offense. One describes a wilderness with thieves, predators, or goblins. Whether he is afraid or not: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving an unordained person as fully ordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.  
In doubt about an unordained person: a Dukkaṭa offense.  
Perceiving an unordained person as unordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.

**Non-offense[s]:** With no desire to frighten, one directs a sight, sound, smell, flavor, or touch, or describes a wilderness with thieves, predators, or goblins; for one who is crazy; and for the first offender.

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<sup>600</sup> *Pisāca*. A certain variety of potentially malicious non-human entity occasionally mentioned in the Canon.