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Thus was heard by me. At one time, the Auspicious One was living at Rajagaha at the Bamboo Grove, the Squirrel's Feeding Place. At that time the venerable Godhika was living at the Black Rock on the Isigili Slope. It so happened that while the venerable Godhika was dwelling ever vigilant, ardent and resolute, he attained a temporary liberation by state of mind. Then the venerable Godhika fell away from that temporary liberation by state of mind.

evam me sutam: ekam samayam bhaqavā rājagahe viharati veluvane kalandakanivāpe tena kho pana samayena āyasmā godhiko isigilipasse viharati kālasilāyam. atha kho āyasmā godhiko appamatto ātāpī pahitatto viharanto sāmayikam¹ cetovimuttim phusi. atha kho āvasmā godhiko tāva² sāmavikāva cetovimuttivā parihāyi.

Also for a second time, while the venerable Godhika was dwelling ever vigilant, ardent and resolute, he attained a temporary liberation by state of mind. Also for a second time, the venerable Godhika fell away from that temporary liberation by state of mind. Also for a third time, the venerable Godhika fell away from that

¹sāmādhikam-pts, sāmāyikam-syā.

²tamhā.

temporary liberation by state of mind. Also for a fourth time, the venerable Godhika fell away from that temporary liberation by state of mind. Also for a fifth time, the venerable Godhika fell away from that temporary liberation by state of mind. Also for a sixth time, the venerable Godhika fell away from that temporary liberation by state of mind.

dutiyampi kho āyasmā godhiko appamatto ātāpī pahitatto viharanto sāmayikam cetovimuttim phusi. dutiyampi kho āyasmā godhiko tāya sāmayikāya cetovimuttiyā parihāyi. tatiyampi kho āyasmā godhiko tāya sāmayikāya cetovimuttiyā parihāyi. catutthampi kho āyasmā godhiko tāya sāmayikāya cetovimuttiyā parihāyi. pañcamampi kho āyasmā godhiko tāya sāmayikāya cetovimuttiyā parihāyi. chaṭṭhampi kho āyasmā godhiko tāya sāmayikāya cetovimuttiyā parihāyi.

3. Also for a seventh time, while the venerable Godhika was dwelling ever vigilant, ardent and resolute, he attained a temporary liberation by state of mind. Then of the venerable Godhika, this occured to him: Indeed I fallen away from temporary liberation by state of mind as much as the sixth time. What if I were to use the knife?

sattamampi kho āyasmā godhiko appamatto ātāpī pahitatto viharanto sāmayikam cetovimuttim phusi. atha

kho āyasmato godhikassa etadahosi: yāva chattham khvāham sāmayikāya cetovimuttiyā parihīno. yannūnāham sattham āharevvanti.

So then, Mara the evil one, having known the reflection in the venerable Godhika's mind with his own mind, by which way [led to] the Auspicious One, by that way he approached. Having approached, he addressed the Auspicious One in verses:

atha kho māro pāpimā āyasmato godhikassa cetasā ceto parivitakkamaññava vena bhagava tenupasankami. upasankamitvā bhagavantam gāthāhi ajjhabhāsi:

"O great hero, one of great wisdom, shining with psychic powers and glory; One who has overcome all enmity and fear, I pay homage at your feet, O All-seeing One.

mahāvīra mahāpañña, iddhiyā yasasā jalam³; sabbaverabhayātīta, pāde vandāmi cakkhuma.

Your disciple O great hero, it is death, O conqueror of death; he wishes for and thinks of, prevent him from that O Luminous One.

³jala-machasam, syā.

sāvako te mahāvīra, maraṇaṃ maraṇābhibhu; ākaṅkhati cetayati, taṃ nisedha jutindhara.

How indeed O Auspicious One, of yours, a disciple who delights in the dispensation, one in higher training who has not obtained his intention, take his own life, O widely famed."

katham hi bhagavā tuyham sāvako sāsane rato, appattamānaso sekho kālam kayirā janesutāti.

5. By that time the venerable Godhika had used the knife.

tena kho pana samayena āyasmatā godhikena sattham āharitam hoti.

6. So then the Auspicious One having known, this is Mara, the evil one, addressed Mara, the evil one, in verse thus:

atha kho bhagavā māro ayam pāpimā iti viditvā māram pāpimantam gāthāya ajjhabhāsi:

"Thus indeed [is how] the wise ones act, they do not wish to strive after life; Having removed the root of craving, Godhika has attained nibbana."

evam hi dhīrā kubbanti, nāvakankhanti jīvitam; samūlam tanham abbuyha⁴, godhiko parinibbuto'ti.

7. Then the Auspicious One addressed the bhikkhus: "Come, O bhikkhus, by which way [leads to] the Black Rock on Isigili Slope, by that way let us approach where the young clansman, Godhika, has used the knife." "Yes Bhante," those bhikkhus replied to the Auspicious One. So then, by which way [led to] the Black Rock on Isigili Slope, by that way the Auspicious One approached with many bhikkhus. The Auspicious One saw the venerable Godhika from a distant lying down on a small bed with his body turned around.

atha kho bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi: āyāma bhikkhave yena isigilipassam kāļasilā tenupasankamissāma, yattha godhikena kulaputtena sattham āharita'nti. evam bhanteti kho te bhikkhū bhagavato paccassosum. atha kho bhagavā sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhim yena isigilipassam kāļasilā tenupasankami. addasā kho bhagavā āyasmantam godhikam dūrato'va mancake vivat-

⁴kaṇhamabbuyha-machasaṃ.

takkhandham semānam⁵.

8. At that time, a [cloud of] darkness, clouding over, just moved to the eastern direction, moved to the western direction, moved to the northern direction, moved to the southern direction, moved above, moved below, moved to the intermediate directions.

tena kho pana samayena dhūmāyitattam timirāyitattam gacchateva purimam disam, gacchati pacchimam disam, gacchati uttaram disam, gacchati dakkhinam disam, gacchati uddham, gacchati adho, gacchati anudisam.

9. Then the Auspicious One addressed the bhikkhus: Do you see O bhikkhus, this [cloud of] darkness, clouding over, as it moves to the eastern direction, moves to the western direction, moves to the northern direction, moves to the southern direction, moves above, moves below, moves to the intermediate directions? "Yes Bhante." O bhikkhus, it is really Mara, the evil one, searching for the consciousness of the young clansman, Godhika; [wondering:] "Where is the consciousness of the young clansman, Godhika, established?" "But with consciousness unestablished, O bhikkhus, the young clansman, Godhika has attained nibbana."

⁵seyyamānaṃ-syā, soppamānaṃ-sīmu. 1. pts page 122

atha kho bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi: passatha no tumhe bhikkhave etaṃ dhūmāyitattaṃ timirāyitattaṃ. gacchateva purimaṃ disaṃ, gacchati pacchimaṃ disaṃ, gacchati uttaraṃ disaṃ, gacchati dakkhiṇaṃ disaṃ, gacchati uddhaṃ, gacchati adho, gacchati anudisanti. evaṃ bhante. eso kho bhikkhave māro pāpimā godhikassa kulaputtassa viññāṇaṃ samannesati⁶, kattha godhikassa kulaputtassa viññāṇaṃ patiṭṭhita'nti. appatiṭṭhitena ca bhikkhave viññāṇena godhiko kulaputto parinibbuto'ti.

10. Later on, Mara the evil one, having taken a yellow beluva lute, by which way [led to] the Auspicious One, by that way he approached. Having approached, he addressed the Auspicious One in a verse:

atha kho māro pāpimā beluvapaņaḍuvīṇamādāya yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkami. upasaṅkamitvā bhagavantaṃ gāthāya ajjhabhāsi:

Above, below and across, in the [four] quarters and the intermediate directions;
I have been searching for but cannot find, where Godhika has arrived at.

uddham adho ca tiriyañca disā anudisāsvaham, anvesam nādhigacchāmi

⁶samanvesati-machasam, pts.

godhiko so kuhim gatoti?

(the Auspicious One:)
That wise man, one excelling in energy,
a meditator always delighting in jhana;
endeavoring accordingly day and night,
with no desires [even] for life.

(bhagavā:) so dhīro dhitisampanno jhāyī jhānarato sadā, ahorattam anuyuñjam jīvitam anikāmayam.

Having cut off the army of death, not having returned to renewal of being; Having removed the root of craving, Godhika has attained nibbana."

chetvāna maccuno senam anāgantvā punabbhavam, samūlam tanhamabbuyha godhiko parinibbuto'ti.

(therā:)

"Of him [thus] overcome with grief, his lute fell down from his armpit; thence that spirit [being] sad, disappeared right there."

(therā:)

tassa sokaparetassa vīṇā kacchā abhassatha, tato so dummano yakkho tatthevantaradhāyathāti⁷.

⁷tatthevantaradhāyithāti-syā.