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1. Thus was heard by me. At one time the Auspicious One was dwelling in Savatthi at Jeta's Grove, Anathapindikā's Park.

2. At that time, Bahiya Daruciriya, was dwelling at the sea shore in Supparaka. He was honoured, respected, revered, venerated, worshipped. He was a gainer of robes, almsfood, lodgings, and medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick. It so happened that while Bahiya Daruciriya had gone to a lonely place and was in seclusion, a reflection arose in his mind thus: "But whoever in the world is an arahant or have entered upon the path to arahantship, am I a certain one among them?"

3. So then, a deva who was a former blood relative of Bahiya Daruciriya, having known by his mind the reflection in Bahiya Daruciriya's mind, visited with Bahiya Daruciriya, out of compassion, wishing for his benefit. Upon arrival, he said this to Bahiya Daruciriya: "You, O Bahiya, are certainly not an arahant. You have not even entered upon the path to arahantship. Even those practices of yours are not that by which you might become an arahant or enter upon the path to arahantship." "So who now in the world including the devas, is an arahant, or has entered upon the path to arahantship?" "There is, O Bahiya, in the northern country, a town named Savatthi. In that place, the Auspicious One abides at present. He

is the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened one. He indeed, O Bahiya, is the Auspicious One, the Arahant, and he only teaches the Dhamma for the sake of arahantship.”

4. So then, Bahiya Daruciriya, having been aroused to a sense of urgency by that deva, set out at that moment from Supparaka. Sojourning [only] one night at every place, he stopped by Savatthi in Jeta’s Grove, Anathapindikā Park. At that time, many bhikkhus were walking up and down in the open air. Then, Bahiya Daruciriya approached those bhikkhus. Upon arrival, he said this to those bhikkhus: “Where, O Bhante, is he, the Auspicious One, the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened one abiding at present? We have a desire to see that Auspicious One, the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened one.” “The Auspicious One, O Bahiya, has entered among the houses for alms food.”

5. So then, Bahiya Daruciriya, being in a hurry, having come out of Jeta’s Grove, having entered Savatthi, saw the Auspicious One in Savatthi, wandering for alms food, graceful, inspiring confidence, with faculties calmed, of peaceful mind, one attained to the highest taming and tranquility, a Naga with faculties restrained, tamed and guarded. Having seen, he went to the Auspicious One. Upon arrival, he bowed down with his head at the Auspicious One’s feet and said this to the Auspicious One: “O Bhante, may the Auspicious One teach me the Dhamma, may the Well-Farer teach me the Dhamma, which [will]

lead to my welfare and happiness for a long time.”

6. When thus was said, the Auspicious One said this to Bahiya Daruciriya: “It is just not the time, O Bahiya. We have entered among the houses for alms food.”

7. Also for a second time, Bahiya Daruciriya said this to the Auspicious One: “But this, O Bhante, is difficult to know, what dangers there are for the Auspicious One’s life, or what dangers there are for my life. May the Auspicious One teach me the Dhamma, may the Well-Farer teach me the Dhamma, which [will] lead to my welfare and happiness for a long time.”

8. Also for a second time, the Auspicious One said this to Bahiya Daruciriya: “It is just not the time, O Bahiya. We have entered among the houses for alms food.”

9. Also for a third time, Bahiya Daruciriya said this to the Auspicious One: “But this, O Bhante, is difficult to know, what dangers there are for the Auspicious One’s life, or what dangers there are for my life. May the Auspicious One teach me the Dhamma, may the Well-Farer teach me the Dhamma, which [will] lead to my welfare and happiness for a long time.”

10. Therefore, for you Bahiya, it should be trained thus: “In the seen there will be merely the seen. In the heard

there will be merely the heard. In the thought there will be merely the thought. In the cognized there will be merely the cognized.” Thus indeed for you Bahiya, should it be trained.

11. “Since for you Bahiya, in the seen there will be merely the seen, in the heard there will be merely the heard, in the thought there will be merely the thought, in the cognized there will be merely the cognized, therefore you Bahiya, are not that by which. Since you Bahiya, are not that by which, therefore you Bahiya, are not in that place. Since you Bahiya, are not in that place, therefore you Bahiya, are neither in this world, nor in the other world, nor in between both [worlds]. Just this is the end of suffering.”

12. Then, having [heard] this brief Dhamma exposition from the Auspicious One, the mind of Bahiya Daruciriya, at that moment, not having appropriated, was liberated from the asavas.

13. Then, Bahiya Daruciriya, having been admonished with this brief advice from the Auspicious One, set out.

14. Then, soon after departing from the Auspicious One, a cow with a young calf, having knocked down Bahiya Daruciriya, deprived him of life.

15. Then the Auspicious One, having wandered in Savatthi for alms food, after the meal, when he had gone back after alms gathering, having set out from the town with many bhikkhus, saw that Bahiya Daruciriya had passed away. Having seen, he addressed the bhikkhus: “You, O bhikkhus, take the body of Bahiya Daruciriya. Having put it on to a small bed, having taken it out, you must burn it, and make a stupa for it. Your companion in the life of purity, O bhikkhus, has passed away.”

16. “Yes, Bhante.” Those bhikkhus, having replied to the Auspicious One, having taken the body of Bahiya Daruciriya, having put it on to a small bed, having taken it out, having burnt it, having made a stupa for it, they went to the Auspicious One. Upon arrival, they bowed down to the Auspicious One and sat down to one side.

17. Having sat down to one side, those bhikkhus said this to the Auspicious One: “Burnt, O Bhante, is Bahiya Daruciriya’s body. A stupa has been made for him. What is his destiny? What is his after-death state?”

18. “A wise one, O bhikkhus, was Bahiya Daruciriya. He brought into being the Dhamma in accordance with the Dhamma, and did not trouble me on account of the Dhamma. Completely extinguished, O bhikkhus, is Bahiya Daruciriya.”

19. Then the Auspicious One, having understood the significance of this, uttered this inspired utterance:

“Where water, earth, fire, and air have no
footing,
There the stars do not shine, the sun does not
give light,
the moon does not glow there, darkness there
is not found.”

“And when the sage, the brahmin, through
sagacity, has known [this] for himself,
Then from form and formless, from pleasure
and pain, he is freed.”

20. “This too is the meaning of what was said by the Auspicious One. Thus was heard by me.”