

46. Chapter 46

VISHVAMITRA

46. 1 Sudhana descended from the paradise of the lord of Trayastrimsha and eventually came to Vishvamitra, the teacher of children, in the city of Kapilavastu. When he came to him, he bowed his head to the feet of Vishvamitra, the teacher of children; circumambulated Vishvamitra, the teacher of children, many hundreds of thousands of times, keeping him to his right; and then stood before Vishvamitra, the teacher of children, with his palms together in homage and said, 'Arya, I have developed the aspiration for the highest, complete enlightenment, but I do not know how Bodhisattvas should train in Bodhisattva conduct and in what way they should practice it. Arya, I have heard that you give instruction and teachings to Bodhisattvas! Arya, I pray that you explain to me how Bodhisattvas should train in Bodhisattva conduct and how they should practice it!' [F.273.b]

46. 2 When he had said that, Vishvamitra, the teacher of children, said to Sudhana, the head merchant's son, 'Noble one, Shilpabhijna, a head merchant's son here, has studied the knowledge of words from Bodhisattvas. You should go to him and ask him, and he will teach you how Bodhisattvas should train in Bodhisattva conduct and how they should practice it.'