

## SUCANDRA

- 50.1 Sudhana went to the householder Sucandra, bowed his head to the feet of the householder Sucandra, stood before him, and, with his palms together in homage, said, “Ārya, 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. Ārya, I have heard that you give instruction and teachings to bodhisattvas! I pray that you explain to me how bodhisattvas should train in bodhisattva conduct and how they should practice it!”
- 50.2 When he had said that, the householder Sucandra said, “Noble one, I know the bodhisattva liberation called *the stainless light of wisdom*.
- 50.3 “Noble one, I know only this bodhisattva liberation called *the stainless light of wisdom*. How could I know the conduct or describe the qualities of the bodhisattvas who have attained countless liberations?
- 50.4 “Depart, noble one. In this southern region there is a town called Roruka. There resides a householder by the name of Ajitasena. Go to him and ask him, ‘How should a bodhisattva train in and practice bodhisattva conduct?’ ”
- 50.5 Sudhana, the head merchant’s son, bowed his head to the feet of the householder Sucandra. He circumambulated the householder Sucandra many hundreds of thousands of times, keeping him to his right, [F.278.a] and, looking back at him again and again, he departed from the householder Sucandra.