

50. Chapter 50

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, "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! 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.