

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Supāricariya

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Supāricchariya Chapter, the Seventeenth

[161. Supāricchariya¹]

The one whose name was Paduma,
the Bull of Men, the Biped-Lord,
Eyeful One, setting out from the
forest, was [then] preaching *Dhamma*. (1) [2050]

There was a spirit²-multitude
[staying] close to the Sage so Great.
Whatever work they'd arrived for
they looked after all of the time. (2) [2051]

Understanding the Buddha's words
and preaching of the deathless [state],
with a pleased heart [and] happy mind,
snapping [my] fingers I served [him]. (3) [2052]

Look at the fruit of good practice,
of service for the [great] Teacher:
in thirty thousand aeons [thence,]
I've come to know no bad rebirth. (4) [2053]

In the twenty-nine-hundredth aeon,
one [man] named Samalaṅkata,³
was a wheel-turner with great strength,
possessor of the seven gems. (5) [2054]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2055]

Thus indeed Venerable Supāricchariya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Supāricchariya Thera is finished.

¹"Good Service"

²*yakkha*

³"Completely Adorned" "All Decked Out"