

A Gay Monk
Paṇḍaka-vatthu (Vi-3, 119)

Tena kho pana samayena aññataro paṇḍako bhikkhūsu pabbajito hoti, so dahare dahare bhikkhū upasaṅkamitvā evaṃ vadeti “Ethā maṃ āyasmanto dūsethā”ti. Bhikkhū apasāḍenti, “nassa paṇḍaka, vinassa paṇḍaka, ko tayā attho”ti. So bhikkhūhi apasāḍito mahante mahante moḷi-galle sāmaṇere upasaṅkamitvā evaṃ vadeti, “Ethā maṃ āvuso dūsethā”ti. Sāmaṇerā apasāḍenti, “nassa paṇḍaka, vinassa paṇḍaka, ko tayā attho”ti. So sāmaṇerehi apasāḍito hatthi-bhaṇḍe assa-bhaṇḍe upasaṅkamitvā evaṃ vadeti, “ethā maṃ āvuso dūsethā”ti. Hatthi-bhaṇḍā assa-bhaṇḍā dūsesuṃ. Te ujjhāyanti khiyyanti vipācenti “Paṇḍakā ime samaṇā Sakya-puttiyā; yepi imesaṃ na paṇḍakā, tepi ime paṇḍake dūsenti; evaṃ ime sabbeva a-brahma-cārino”ti.

Assosuṃ kho bhikkhū tesam hatthi-bhaṇḍānaṃ assa-bhaṇḍānaṃ ujjhāyantānaṃ khiyyantānaṃ vipacentānaṃ. Atha kho te bhikkhū Bhagavato etamatthaṃ ārocesuṃ. “Paṇḍako, bhikkhave— anupasampanno—na upasampādetabbo; upasampanno—nāsetabbo”ti.

Exercise—

Fill up every parathesis with Pāli or English as required—

1. *Tena kho pana samayena () aññataro paṇḍako () bhikkhūsu () pabbajito¹ hoti (). So () dahare dahare² bhikkhū () upasaṅkamitvā () evaṃ vadeti () “Ethā () maṃ, āyasmanto, dūsethā ()” iti (). Bhikkhū apasāḍenti (), “Nassa paṇḍaka (); vi-nassa paṇḍaka (). **Ko tayā attho³()**” iti.*

At that time () a gay () has been ordained () among the monks (). He () approached () every young monk and () spoke thus (): “Come (), venerable ones (), ruin me ().” The monks () disparaged him () thus (): “Perish, gay (); totally perish, gay (); **what to do with you!** ().” Thus they said ().

Now at that time a certain eunuch came to have gone forth among the monks. Having approached a number of young monks, he spoke thus: “Come, venerable ones, commit an offence with me.” The monks refused, saying: “Be off, eunuch; depart eunuch. What needs have you?”

¹ Could be any of 3 perfect tenses; with **hoti** we know that it’s a present perfect i.e has been ordained; if **ahosi** then it’s a past perfect had been ordained; if **hissati** then future perfect i.e. will have been ordained.

² Repetition: there are 3 cases but in this case it means every.

³ “**Attho**” **Syntax**: According to commentaries, “*attho*” means “something to do” (*payojana*). So, “*ko attho*” means “what to do,” and “*ko[amhākaṃ] tayā attho*” means, “what to do with you!” Its full syntax is: “There is (understood) + nothing to do (*attho*) + with you (3rd form) + for us (4th form)!” E.g. *Amhākaṃ, Bhante Kassapa, puññaena attho* (Udāna-111), meaning “For us (*amhākaṃ*), Venerable Kassapa, there is (understood) something to do (*attho*) with merit (*puññaena*),” i.e., “We need to do merit.” “*Puññaena attho*”ti *puññaena payojanaṃ*” (Udāna-ṭha-180). ***Kim me ekena tenena, ko attho supputena***

[**Note:** Black is Pāli; **Green** is literal translation; **Purple** is PTS translation.]

2. *So ()—bhikkhūhi apasādito ()—mahante mahante moḷi-galle⁴ sāmaṇere () upasaṅkamtivā () evaṃ vadeti (), “Etha () maṃ āvuso dūsetha ()” iti (). Sāmaṇerā apasādentī (), “nassa paṇḍaka (); vinassa paṇḍaka (); ko tayā attho ()” iti ().*

He ()—disparaged by the monks ()—approached () every big and fat novice and (), spoke thus (): “Come (), friends (), ruin me ().” The novices () disparaged him () thus (): “Perish, gay (); totally perish, gay (); what to do with you! ()”

Refused by the monks, having approached a number of large, fat novices, he spoke thus: “Come, your reverences, commit an offence with me.” The novices refused, saying: “Be off, eunuch; depart eunuch. What needs have you?”

3. *So ()—sāmaṇerehi apasādito—hatthi-bhaṇḍe assa-bhaṇḍe () upasaṅkamtivā () evaṃ vadeti (), “Etha (), maṃ āvuso dūsetha ()” iti (). Hatthi-bhaṇḍā assa-bhaṇḍā () dūsesuṃ (). Te () ujjhāyanti khiyyanti vipācentī (), “Paṇḍakā () ime samaṇā Sakya-puttiyā (); Yēpi imesaṃ () na paṇḍakā (), tēpi () ime paṇḍake dūsentī (); Evaṃ () ime sabbeva () a-brahma-cārino ()” iti ().*

He ()—disparaged by the novices ()—approached elephant-keepers and horse-keepers and (), spoke thus (): “Come (), friends (), ruin me ().” The elephant-keepers and horse-keepers () ruined him (). They () Criticized () thus (): “These Sakyan recluses (), are gays (); whoever among them () are not gays (); they too () ruin these gays (). Thus (), these all certainly () are ignoble/ unchaste ones ().”

Refused by the novices, having approached a number of mahouts and grooms, he spoke thus: “Come, sirs, commit an offence with me.” The mahouts and grooms committed an offence with him. They spread it out, saying: “These recluses, sons of the Sakyans, are eunuchs, and those of them who are not eunuchs, they too commit offences with eunuchs. Thus, they are one and all unchaste.”

4. *Assosuṃ kho bhikkhū () tesuṃ hatthi-bhaṇḍānaṃ assa-bhaṇḍānaṃ () ujjhāyantānaṃ khiyyantānaṃ vipacentānaṃ (). Atha kho () te bhikkhū () Bhagavato etamattamaṃ ārocesuṃ ().*

Monks heard () those elephant-keepers and horse-keepers () ... criticizing (). Then (), those monks () told this matter () to the Buddha ().

Monks heard these mahouts and grooms who spread it out. Then, these monks told this matter to the Lord

⁴ “Moḷi-galla” is an undividable peculiar noun (*anipphanna-pāṭipadika*) according to the following commentaries: *Moḷi-galle’i thūla-sarīre* (Vi-ṭha-3, 297); *Moḷi-galla-saddo thūla-sarīra-vācako anipphanna-pāṭipadiko’i āha “Moḷi-galle’i thūla-sarīre”ti.* (Yojanā-ṭikā-257)

5. “Paṇḍako, bhikkhave ()—anupasampanno ()—na upasampādetabbo (); upasampanno ()—nāsetabbo ()” iti ().

“Monks, a gay ()—if not ordained ()—should not be ordained (); if ordained ()—should be expelled ().” Thus, the Buddha said ().

He said: “Monks, if a eunuch is not ordained, he should not be ordained; if he is ordained, he should be expelled.”