

The Green Sheaf

And the Prince asked, what would they do with him? And he was told that they would put him in a hole dug in the earth, as nothing could ever now come from him but stench and worms. The Prince asked whether one day it would be so with him. And he was told that he, young and happy Prince tho' he was, would one day be put in a hole dug in the earth, whence nothing could come of him but stench and worms. Then he said, "Back! I will be carried no further! I never will be carried upon men's shoulders again!"

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AND from that day this man set himself to destroy the foolish love and desire for a thing so evidently vain and meaningless as appeared to him the life of man upon the earth. He had his way fully; men accepted his teachings and worshipped him under the name of Buddha.

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