AN 5.203 — A Thoroughbred

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21. With Kimbila

A Thoroughbred

“Mendicants, a fine royal thoroughbred with five factors is worthy of a king, fit to serve a king, and is reckoned a factor of kingship.

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