Ud 5.9 — Teasing

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Text

Heartfelt Sayings 5.9

Teasing

So I have heard. At one time the Buddha was wandering in the land of the Kosalans together with a large Saṅgha of mendicants. Now at that time several young students were passing by not far from the Buddha in a teasing manner. The Buddha saw them.

Then, understanding this matter, on that occasion the Buddha expressed this heartfelt sentiment:

“Dolts pretending to be astute,

they talk, their words out of bounds.

They blab at will, their mouths agape,

and no one knows what leads them on.”