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9. Explanation of the Connected Discourses on Supaṇṇas

392-437. In the Supaṇṇa Saṃyutta, garuḷas are called supaṇṇas because of the beauty of their wings. Here too the first discourse is stated in the arising of the occasion by the former method. "Carry off" means they seize up. And when seizing up, they are able to seize up those inferior to themselves or equal to themselves, but not those more sublime than themselves. For there are seven kinds of nāgas that cannot be seized, namely: the more sublime ones, the Kambalassataras, the Dhataratṭhas, those dwelling in the seven seas, those established on the earth, those established on mountains, and those established in mansions. Therein, for those born in eggs and so on, those born in wombs and so on are more sublime; they cannot be seized by them. But the Kambalassataras are generals of the nāgas; having seen them anywhere whatsoever, no supaṇṇa is able to seize them. But the Dhataratṭhas are kings of the nāgas; no one is able to seize them either. But those who dwell in the great ocean between the seven seas, since it is not possible to cause them to tremble anywhere, no one is able to seize them. For those established on the earth and so on, there is a place to hide; therefore no one is able to seize them either. But those who dwell on the surface of the waves in the great ocean, any supaṇṇa equal or more sublime is able to seize them. The remainder is the same as the method stated in the Nāga Saṃyutta.

The explanation of the Connected Discourses on Supaṇṇas is finished.



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