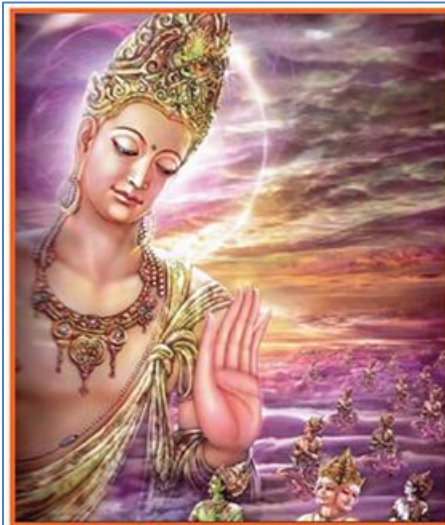
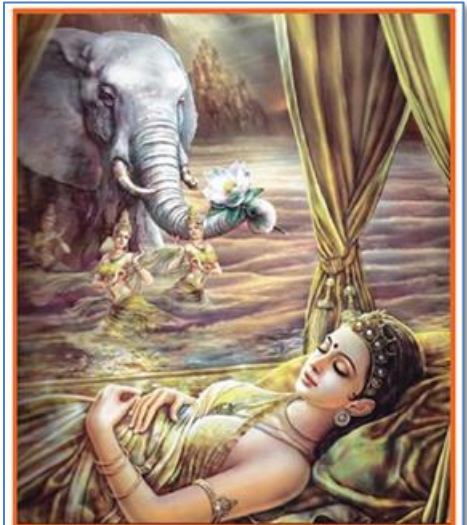


The appearance of the Superior person, the Buddha, is extremely rare. He is not born everywhere. Where such a great wise person is born, that whole generation achieves happiness.

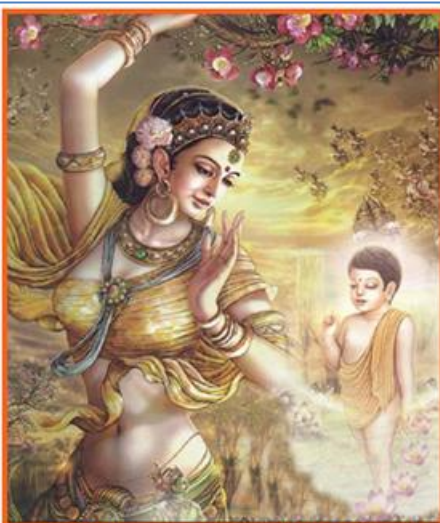
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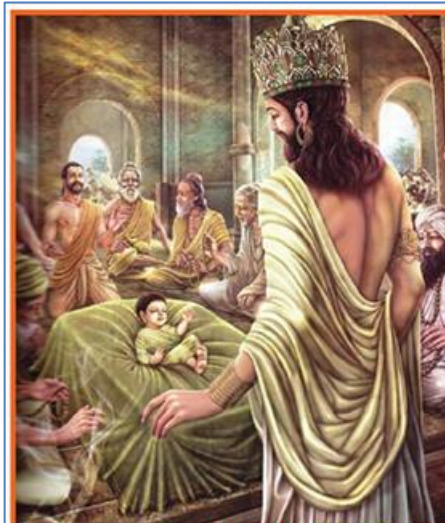
1 Accepted the invitation of devas to be born in the human world.



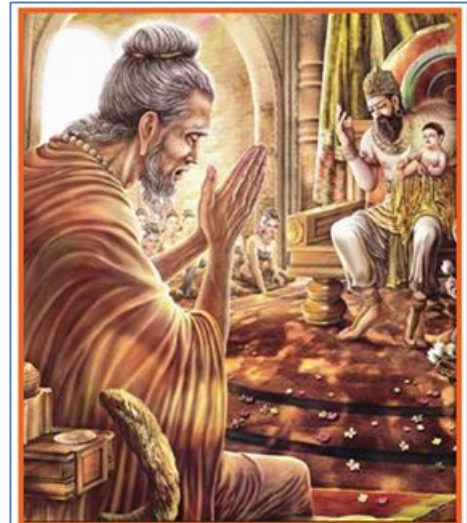
2 Entered Queen Mahā Māyā's womb.



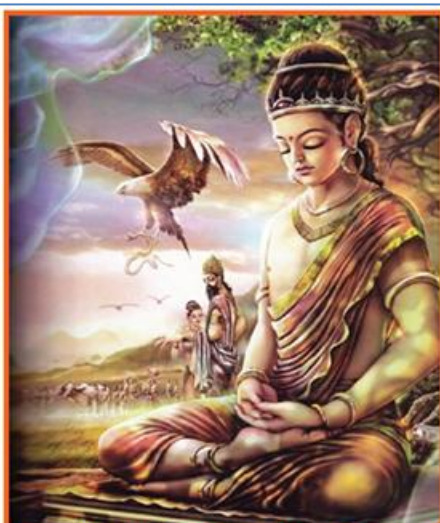
3 Was born as an extra ordinary baby; and bravely uttered, "I'm the greatest in the world, this is my final birth."



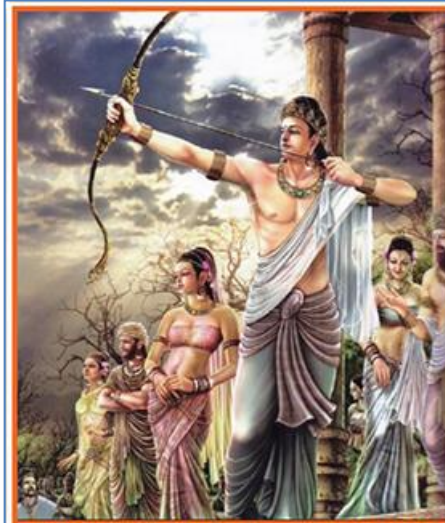
4 Received the name Siddhartha: "Giver of True Happiness to the world".



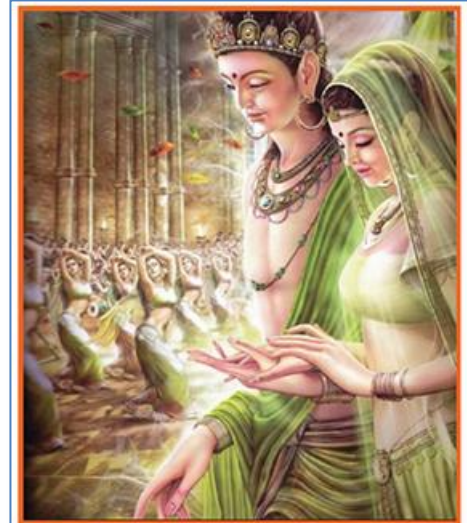
5 Was worshipped by the powerful sage Asita who predicted the Bodhisatta's future enlightenment.



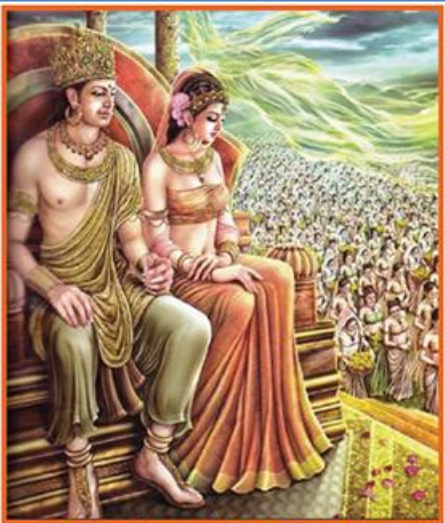
6 Meditated on the day of the plowing festival.



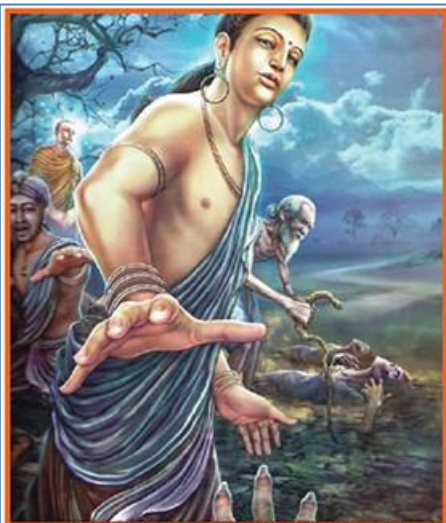
7 Showed the skills to win the hand of the beautiful Princess Yasodara.



8 Married the noble Princess Yasodara.



9 Became the most handsome husband with thirty two great marks on his body.



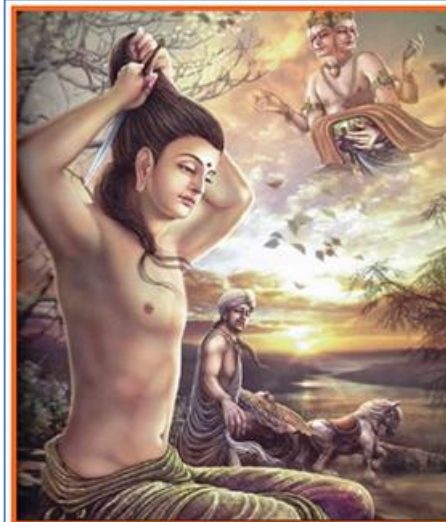
10 Was shocked seeing an old person, a sick person, a dead body and a monk and determined to find True Happiness.



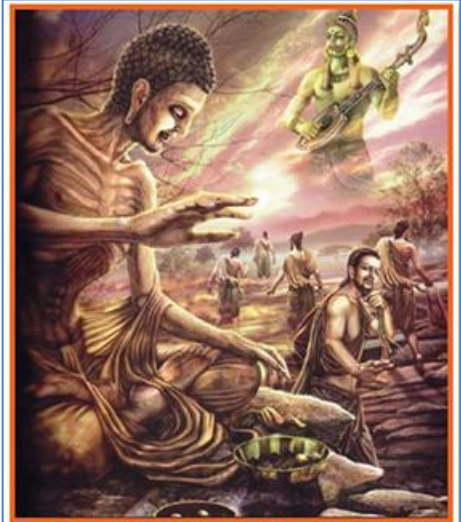
11 Saw the ugly nature of the palace pleasures looking at the sleeping dancers after a grand party.



12 Looked at his dear wife and newborn son Rahula just before leaving the palace to find lasting happiness for his son, wife, parents and the whole world.



14 Prepared to be a seeker of truth by cutting off his hair and putting on robes.



15 Tested the extreme of torturing the body.



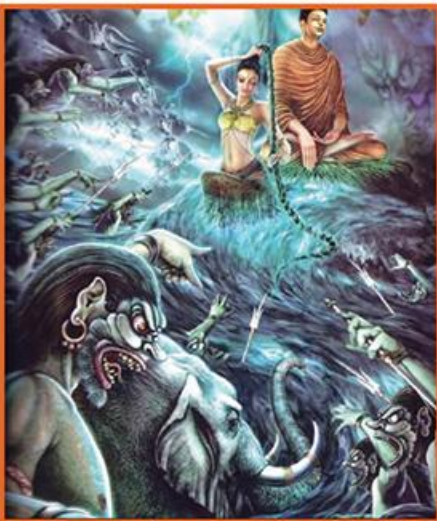
13 Left the palace at the age of twenty nine with Channa and horse Kanthaka on the full moon night.



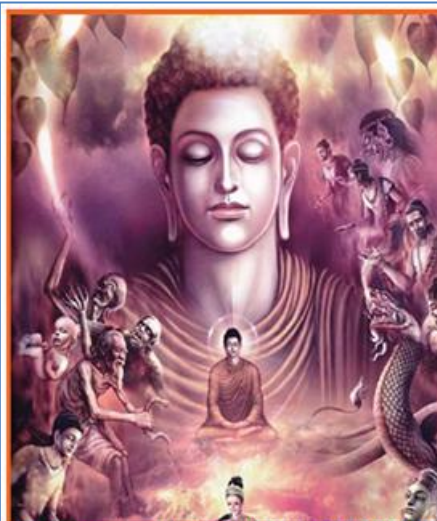
16 Accepted milk rice and headed toward the Bodhi Tree.



17 Through supreme determination for enlightenment made the alms bowl float upstream.



18 Won the battle with Māra, the Evil One, witnessed by the Earth-goddess.



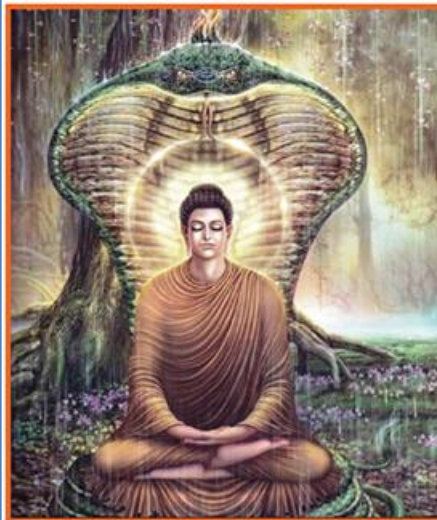
19 Discovered and developed the Noble Eightfold Path. Saw samsaric suffering in the past lives of beings: their death and rebirth according to kamma.



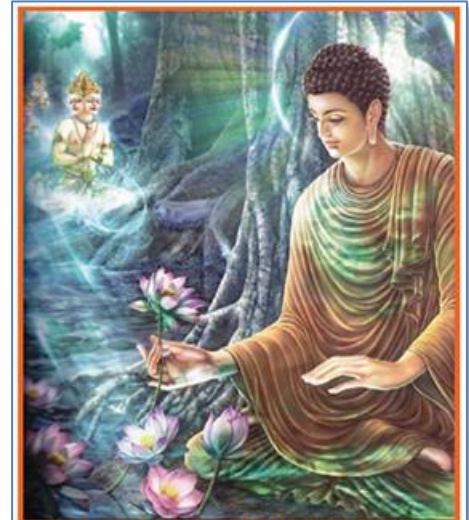
20 Realized the Four Noble Truths, liberated himself from craving, achieved Nibbāna, and became the Fully Enlightened Gotama Supreme Buddha.



21 Defeated the most attractive daughters of Māra with an unshaken mind.



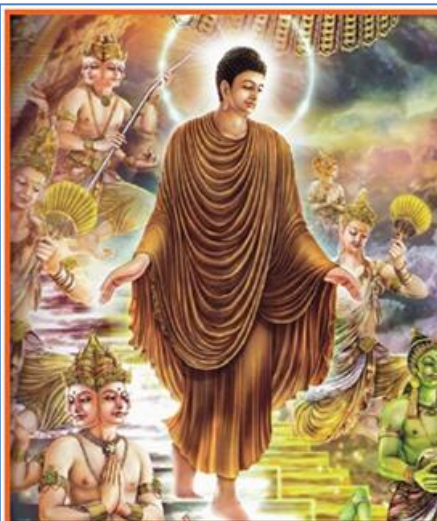
22 Experienced the Bliss of Nibbāna seated under the hood of the great cobra Muchalinda.



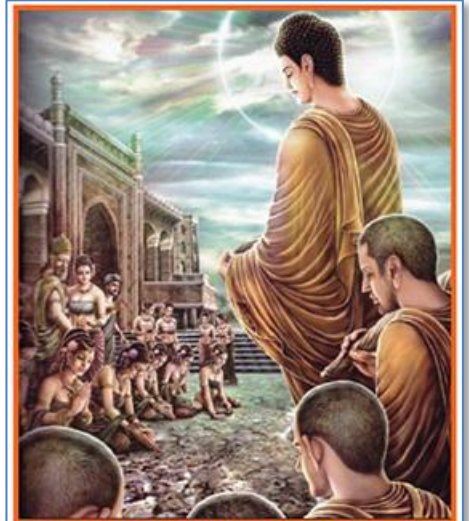
23 Decided to teach the Dhamma to the world out of great compassion.



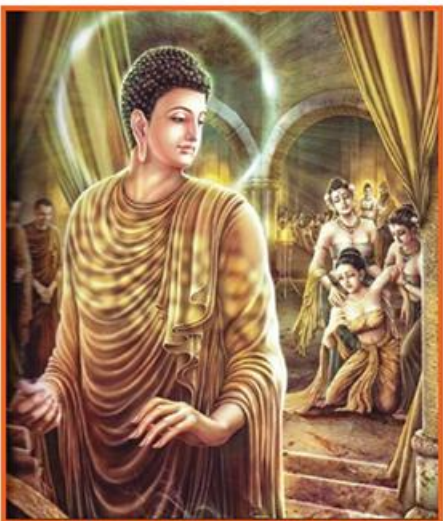
24 Taught the very first discourse to the group of five monks.



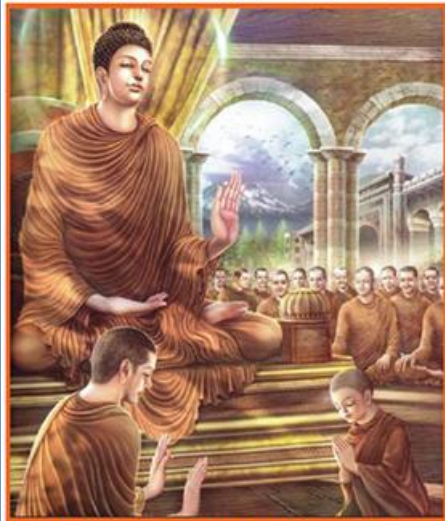
25 Returned to the human world with great honour after preaching in heaven.



26 Visited his home country, Kapilavattu, to teach the Dhamma to his parents and relatives.



27 Visited his former wife Princess Yasodara after a seven-year absence.



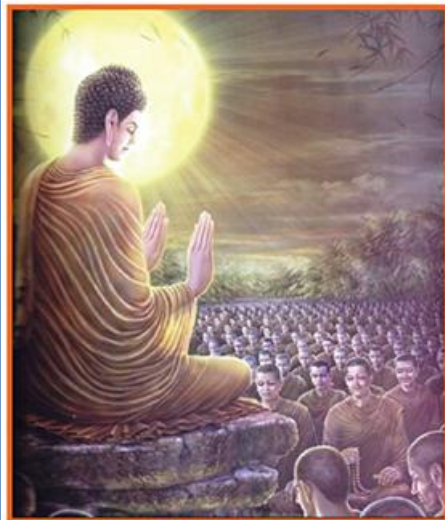
28 Ordained son Rāhula and gave him the most valuable treasure.



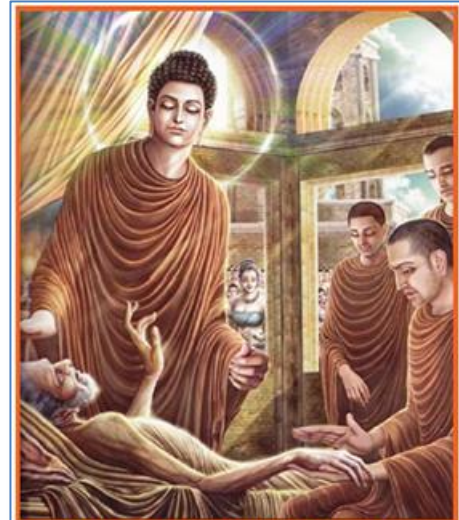
29 Took his brother Nanda to heaven to help him.



30 Taught the way to the highest happiness to thousands of gods and humans.



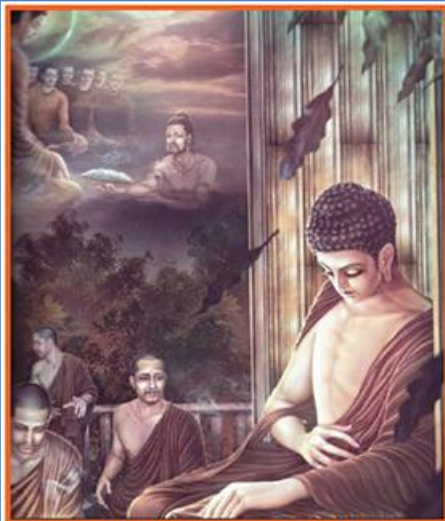
31 Became the superb instructor of thousands of monks and nuns.



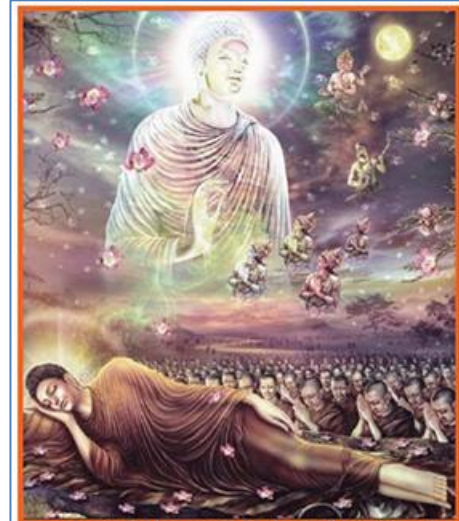
32 Treated a sick monk by himself with immeasurable compassion.



33 Informed Māra that the Blessed one would pass away in three months.



34 Reached the end of his life, endured deadly pain with limitless patience and an unshaken mind.



35 Spoke the last words: "Indeed, all conditioned things will come to an end, work hard for Liberation." Attained final Nibbana at passing away.