



1 Kan that sa phone - Lord Indra gives ten boons to Queen Phusati

The Story of Phra Veth Sandone

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The *Vessantara Jataka* is one of the most popular *Jatakas* of Theravada Buddhism.

The *Vessantara Jataka* tells the story of one of Gautama Buddha's past lives, about a very compassionate and generous prince, Vessantara, who gives away everything he owns, including his children, thereby displaying the virtue of perfect generosity.

It is also known as the '*Great Birth Sermon*'.

The tale of Prince Vessantara is celebrated as an annual festival in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Cambodia and the thirteen scenes of the *Vessantara Jataka* can be found depicted on the walls of Buddhist temples throughout Southeast Asia.

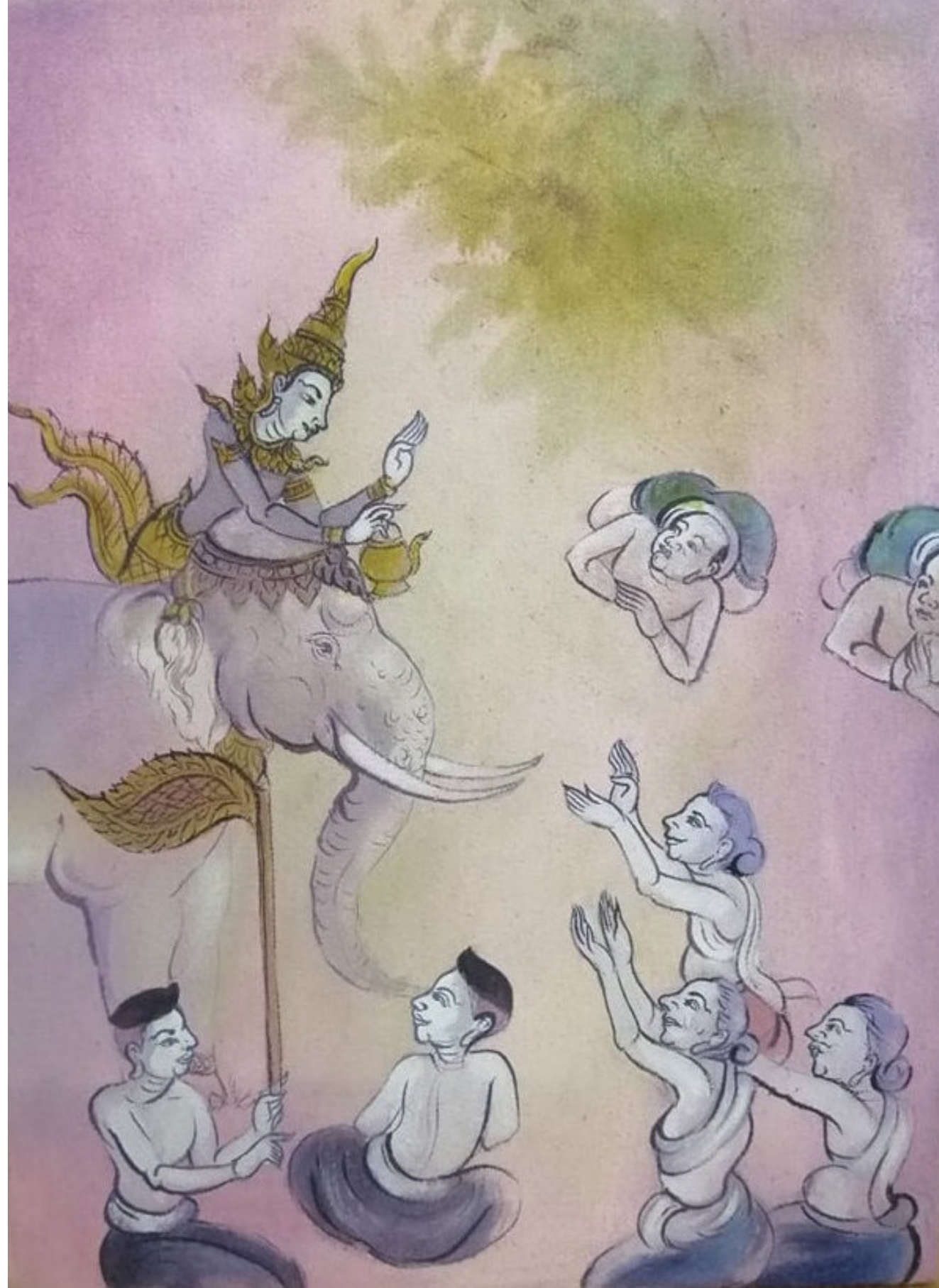
It is one of the four masterpieces of Lao literature, better known in

Lao and Lü sources as the story of *Phra Veth Sandone*.

It reflects every aspect of daily life, and became a part of Lao traditional culture as people always refer to the circumstances and characters in the *Jataka* as their role models.

We present here a contemporary interpretation of the thirteen scenes of the *Phra Veth Sandone*, by the Lao artist Olazone Soukpatoumvane from Vientiane.

2 Kun him ma phan
People are angry at Vessantara

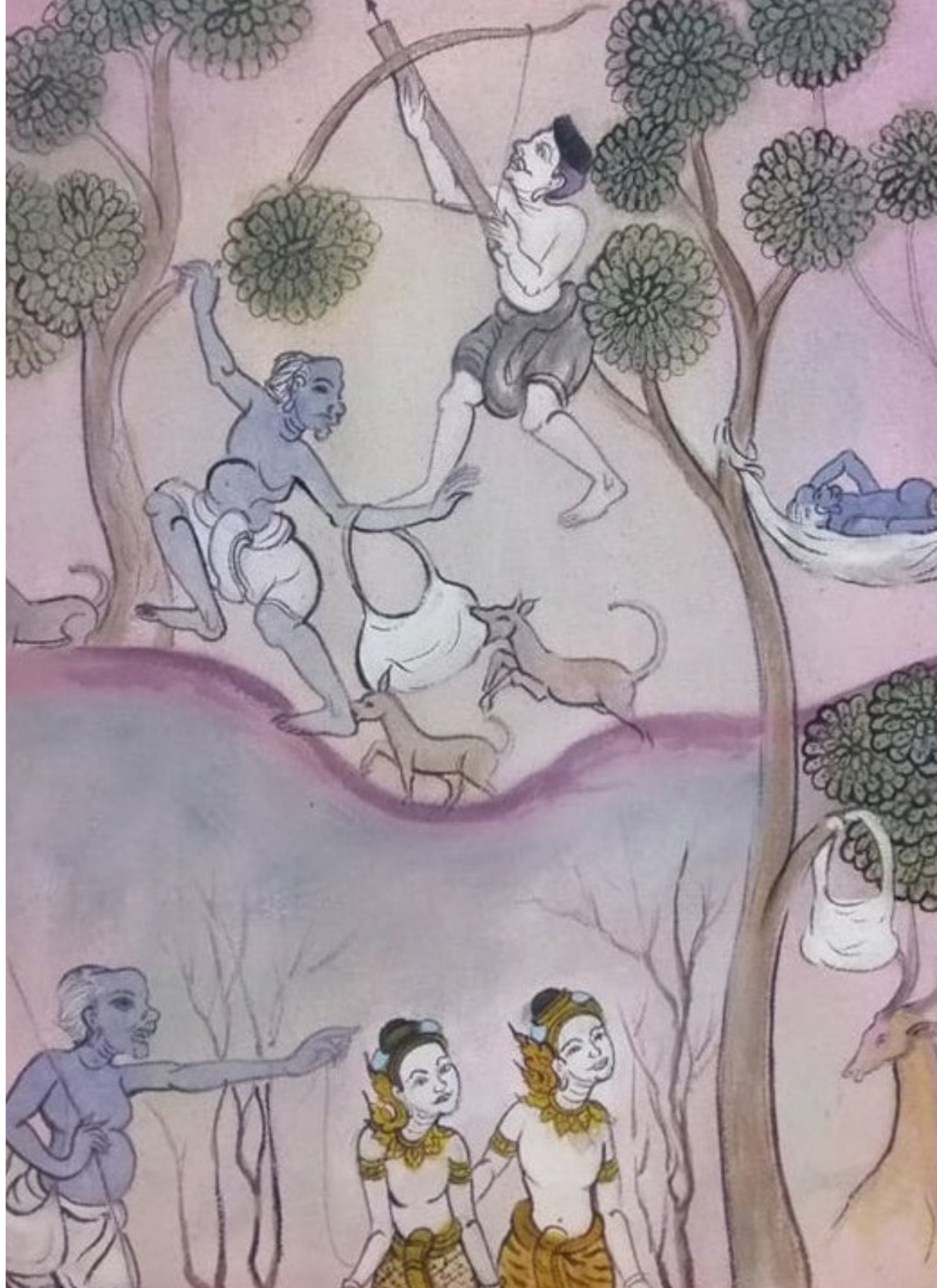


3 Kun tan na kun

Vessantara gives away the cart to a brahmin



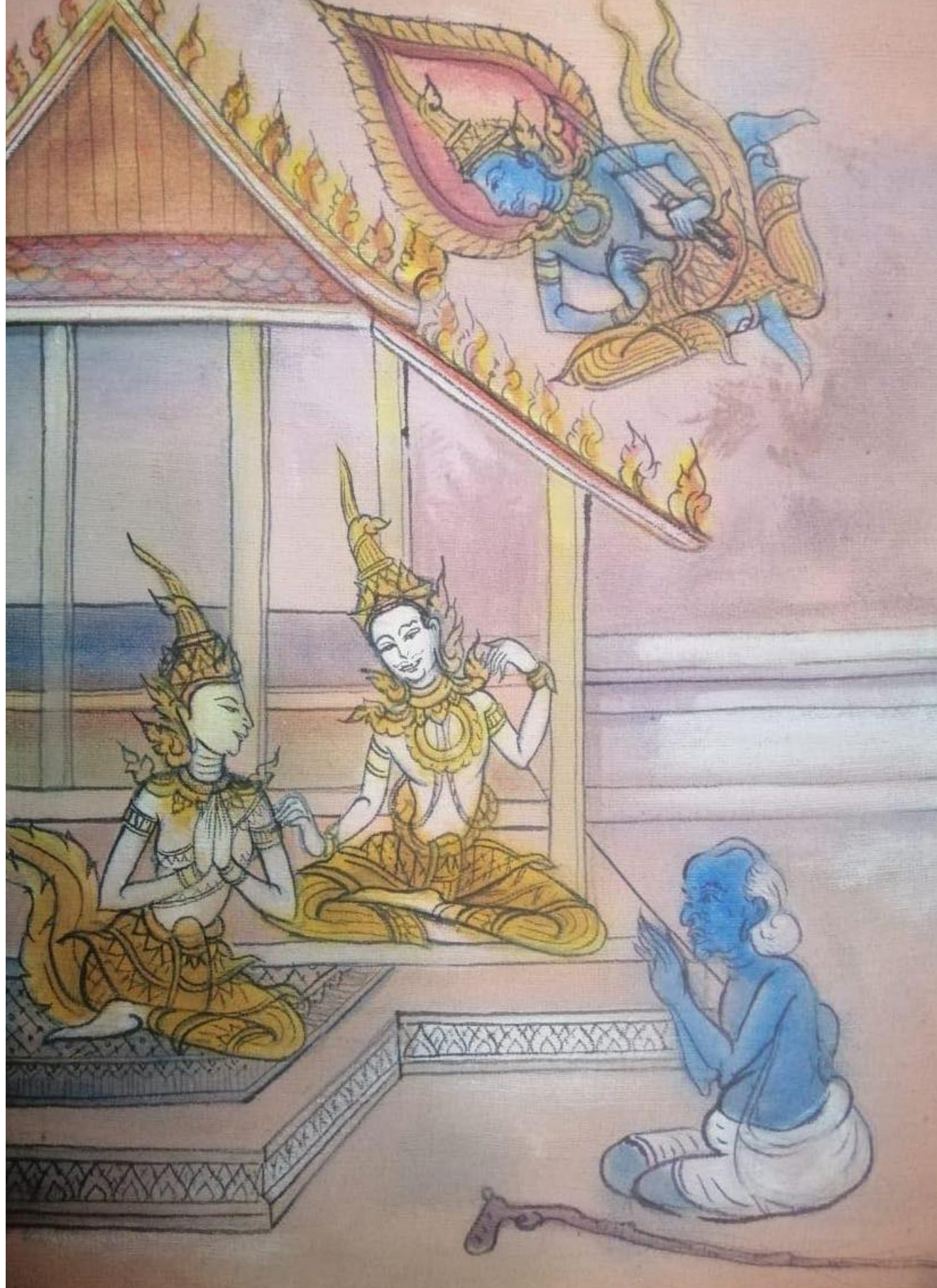
4 Kun tan na pa was
Vessantara goes into exile





5 Kan Zoo zok - Jujaka with Amittada, his beautiful wife

6 Kan Ma ha phuon
Hunter bent his bow, aimed at Jujaka



7 Kan ma ha ju la phuon
Jujaka asks the hermit for directions



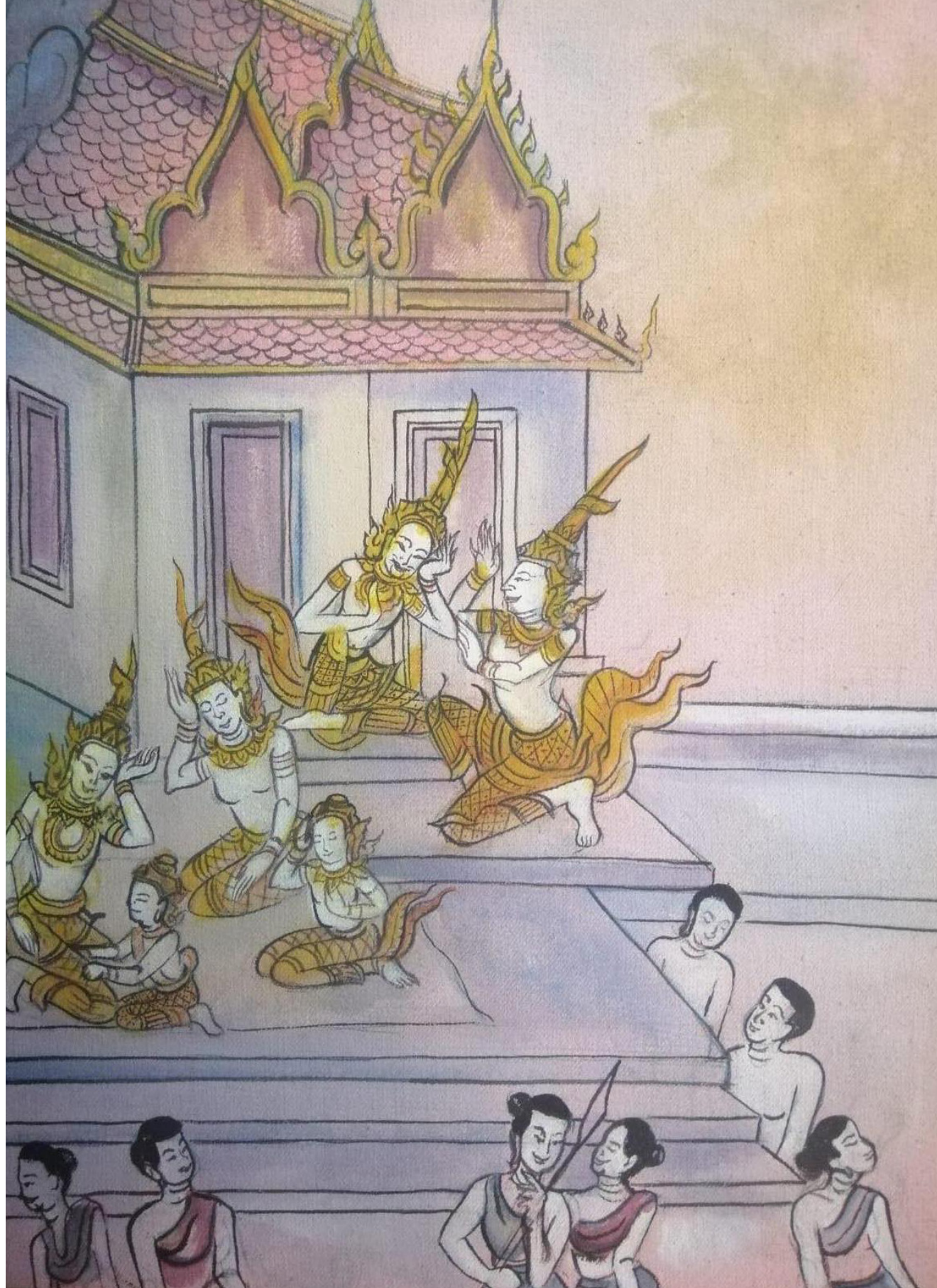


8 Kun kuom man - Vessantara asks his children to come out of the lotus pond



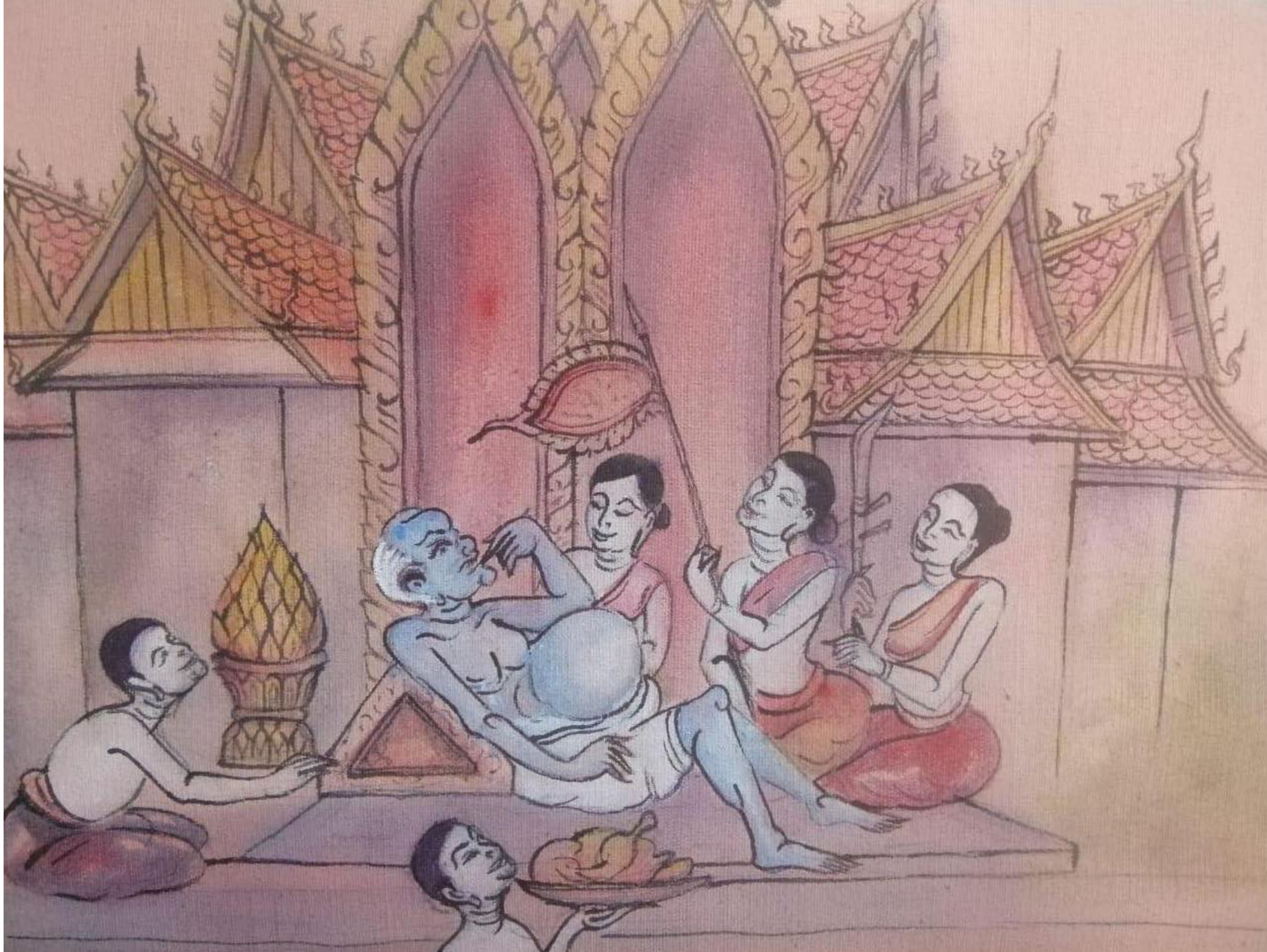
9 Kun mut ty - Wild animals bar the way for Madri

10 Kun sa ka bum
Indra asks Vessantara for his wife



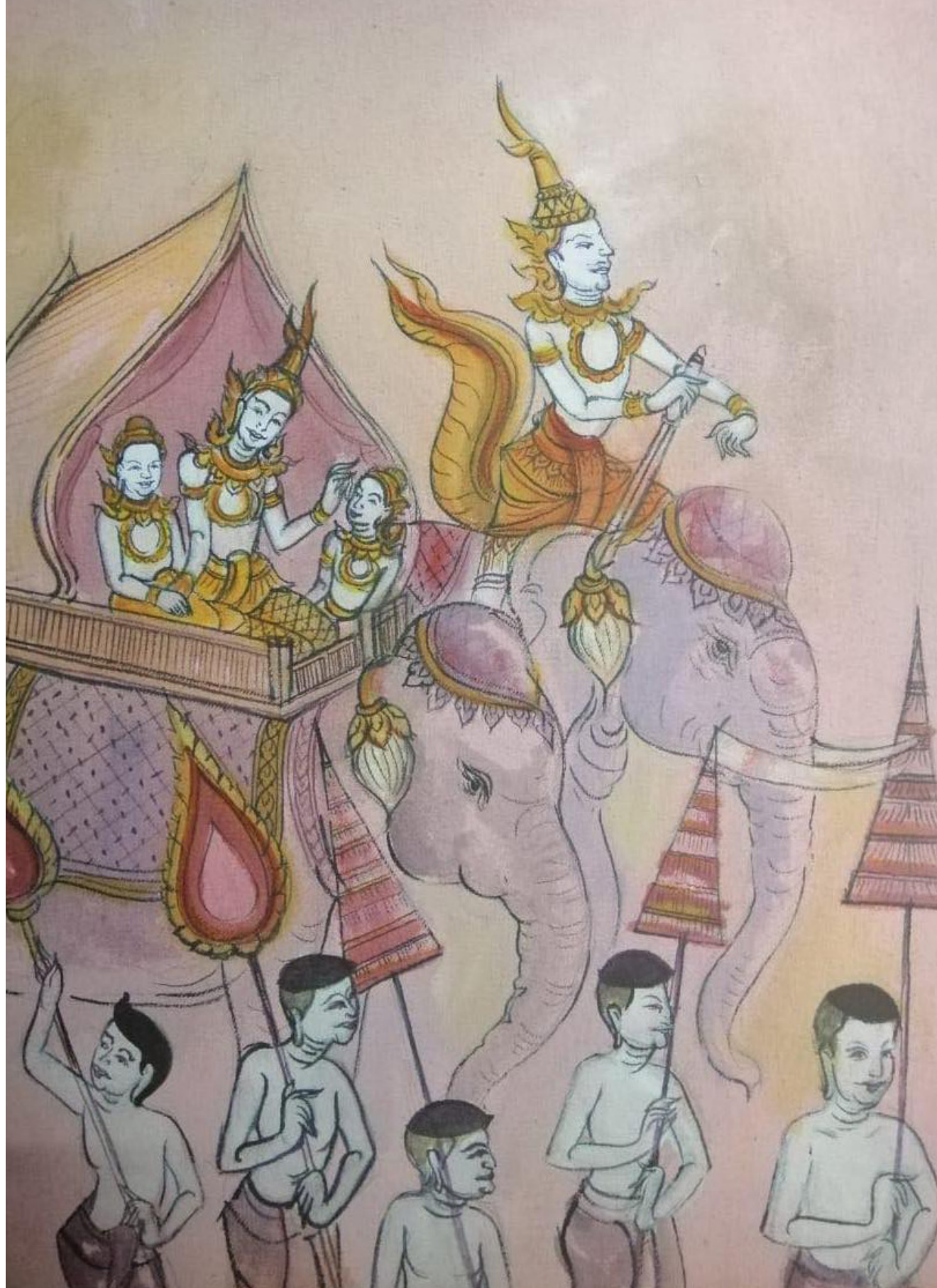


11 Kun ma ha lat - *Devas take care of Vessantara's children*



12 Kun sor ka sut - The royal family is reunited

13 Kun na kone
Vessantara is warmly welcomed



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