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saluted the Blessed One and sat down respectfully apart and while thus sitting he said to the Blessed One: "Just now, Sire, as I was proceeding on the road, robbers came and assaulted me with their hands and feet, broke my alms-bowl and tore my garments."

And the Blessed One, in this connection, on that occasion, breathed forth this solemn utterance:--

"He who walks with another, lives with him, associates with him,
He, the learned One, perceiving evil, forsakes it,
As the young heron abandons the river."

8. Thus have I heard. On a certain occasion the Blessed One dwelt at Savatthi, in the Eastern monastery, in the pavilion of Visâkha-migâramâta.

Now at that time, the dearly loved grandson of Visâkha-migâramâta died.

And Visâkha-migâramâta went at unseasonable hours, with hands and hair wet (with tears)⁴⁹, to where the Blessed One was and drawing near she saluted the Blessed One and sat down apart. And the Blessed One said to Visâkha-migâramâta, as he sat there: Wherefore, O Visâkha, do you come here at unseasonable hours, with hands and hair wet (with tears)?"

"Sire, my dearly loved grandson is dead; that is why I come here, at unseasonable hours, with hands and hair wet (with tears)."

"Do you find, O Visâkha, that there are sons and grandsons in proportion to the number of men in Savatthi?"

"I find, Blessed One, that there are sons and grandsons in proportion to the number of men."

"And how many men of Savatthi, Visâkha, die daily?"

⁴⁹ Conjectural translation of *allavatthâ*, *allakesâ*. Lit.: wet robes, wet hair.

