Subbhuti once stood at the top of the spine of the worlds.

In a silk bag he carried every word that had ever been spoken.

A rich disciple climbed to the top of the spine of the world with much difficulty. Subbhuti offered him some tea, and when the disciple had recovered, he asked Subbhuti for Enlightenment.

Subbhuti said, "You have worked hard, and I shall give to you the greatest treasure you will ever receive." He then held up the silk bag, saying, "Do you see this bag?"

"Yes, Master," said the eager disciple.

"You cannot have it," answered the generous Subbhuti.