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One day the World Honoured One mounted the pulpit, and the first principle was proclaimed. Manjusuri struck the table with a gavel and said, "The Law. Understand the Law. The Royal Law is like this." The World Honoured One came down from his seat. If you think what he proclaimed is the Royal Law, that is not right. The Royal Law was there when he was on the pulpit.

"Like this" was as strong as the sound of the gavel. If Manjusuri had not struck the gavel, no one could know what was the Royal Law. The World Honoured One would not have had the chance to come down from his seat. You may say when Manjusuri struck the gavel, Buddhism as we practice it began. If the World Honoured One were to be always on the dais, no one could mount the dais after him.