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The Legends of the Theras

275. Ekañjaliya

Walt 2600 I gave an open dwelling place

to the Recluse, the Greatest Sage,

dwelling in the shade of a fig

on a well-prepared mat of leaves. Verse 1

Walt 2601 Raising my hands pressed together,

I spread out a mat of flowers

for Tissa, the Best of Bipeds,

Lord of the World, the Neutral One. Verse 2

Walt 2602 In the ninety-two aeons since

I fashioned that mat of flowers,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of giving a mat. Verse 3

Walt 2603 In the fourteenth aeon ago

I was a ruler of people,

a wheel-turning king with great strength,

known as Eka-añjalika. Verse 4

Walt 2604 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Ekañjaliya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ekañjaliya Thera is finished.

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