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The Legends of the Theras

280. Taraṇiya

Walt 2619 On a rough spot on the highway,

I caused a bridge to be fashioned

for the sake of the world’s crossing,

feeling well-pleased by my own hands. Verse 1

Walt 2620 In the ninety-one aeons since

that bridge got constructed by me,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of giving a bridge. Verse 2

Walt 2621 In the fifty-fifth aeon hence

there was one man, Samogadha,

a wheel-turning king with great strength,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 3

Walt 2622 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 4

Thus indeed Venerable Taraṇiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Taraṇiya Thera is finished.

The Summary:

Sovaṇṇa and Tilamuṭṭhi,

Cańkot', Abbhañjam, Añjali,

Potthaka, Citaka, Māla,

Ekapuṇḍari, Setuna:

when the verses are counted by

wise people there are forty-two.

The Suvaṇṇabimbohana Chapter, the Twenty-Eighth

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