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The Legends of the Theras

Padumakesariya Chapter, the Thirty-First

301. Padumakesariya

Walt 2717 I lived in the Sage-assembly,

a fierce mātaṅga elephant.

Feeling pleasure for the Sages

I sprinkled some lotus pollen. Verse 1

Walt 2718 Having pleased my heart among those

Best of Self-Enlightened Victors,

Devoid of Passions, Neutral Ones,

I joyed an aeon in heaven. Verse 2

Walt 2719 In the ninety-one aeons since

I sprinkled that pollen back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of flower-pūjā. Verse 3

Walt 2720 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 4

Thus indeed Venerable Padumakesariya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Padumakesariya Thera is finished.

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