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## Text

Therāpadāna

The Legends of the Theras

333. Punnāgapupphiya

Walt 2944 Plunging into a forest grove,

I lived there as a hunter then.

Seeing a laurel tree in bloom,

I called to mind the Best Buddha.

Walt 2945 Having plucked a flower from it,

well-perfumed and scented with scents,

having made a stupa of sand,

I offered it to the Buddha.

Walt 2946 In the ninety-two aeons since

I did that flower-pūjā then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of Buddha-pūjā.

Walt 2947 In the ninety-first aeon hence

lived a ruler, Tamonuda,

a wheel-turning king with great strength,

possessor of the seven gems.

Walt 2948 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught!

Thus indeed Venerable Punnāgapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Punnāgapupphiya Thera is finished.

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