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## Text

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The Legends of the Theras

Saddasaññaka Chapter, the Thirty-Sixth

348. {351.} Saddasaññaka

Walt 3140 I was a deer-hunter back then,

within a grove in the forest.

There I saw the Sambuddha once,

honored by the gods' assembly. Verse 1

Walt 3141 While preaching the Four Noble Truths

he ferried many folks across.

I also heard his honeyed speech

like the song of a cuckoo bird. Verse 2

Walt 3142 Having pleased my heart in the sound

of Sikhi Buddha, World's Kinsman,

the Sage, Divine Sound Intoner,

I attained my arahantship. Verse 3

Walt 3143 In the thirty-one aeons since

I did that good karma back then,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

that's the fruit of feeling pleasure. Verse 4

Walt 3144 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Saddasaññaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Saddasaññaka Thera is finished.

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