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Walt 1384 Roaming a mountain hard to reach

I was then a high-born lion.

Slaying assemblies of wild beasts

I was living on that mountain. Verse 1

Walt 1385 But Atthadassi, Blessed One,

Best Debater, Omniscient One,

with a wish for my upliftment

came to that superb mountain then. Verse 2

Walt 1386 I approached wishing to eat some

spotted antelopes I had killed.

At that time the Blessed One did

come there during his begging rounds. Verse 3

Walt 1387 Taking excellent chunks of meat,
I gave them to the Teacher then.
The Great Hero gave thanks for that,
thus bringing me toward nirvana. Verse 4

Walt 1388 I entered that hard-reached mountain
with that pleasure in my own heart,
and having given birth to joy,
I passed away right then and there. Verse 5

Walt 1389 Because of that gift of some meat
and the resolve in my own heart,
for fifteen hundred aeons I
delighted in the world of gods. Verse 6

Walt 1390 In all the remaining aeons
I always acted wholesomely,
because of the gift of that meat,
and through Buddha-recollection. Verse 7

Walt 1391 In the thirty-eighth aeon hence
there were eight kings named Dighāyu.
In the sixtieth aeon hence
there were two kings named Varuṇa. Verse 8

Walt 1392 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 9

Thus indeed Venerable Sucintita Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sucintita Thera is finished.

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