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The Legends of the Theras

77. Sūcidāyaka

Walt 1452 Thirty thousand aeons ago

the Sambuddha, the World-Leader,

Bearing the Thirty-Two Great Marks,

was the Buddha named Sumedha. Verse 1

Walt 1453 Five needles were given by me

to the One of Golden Color,

the Biped-Lord, the Neutral One,

so that Buddha could stitch his robes. Verse 2

Walt 1454 Because of just that needle-gift,

knowledge did then arise in me

with clever meanings and insights,

sharp and quick and comfortable. Verse 3

Walt 1456 I have burnt up my defilements;

all existence is now destroyed.

I am bearing my last body

in the Supreme Buddha's teaching. Verse 4

Walt 1455 There were four kings all with the name

Dipadādhipati back then,

wheel-turners who had great power,

possessors of the seven gems. Verse 5

Walt 1457 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Sūcidāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sūcidāyaka Thera is finished.

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