Thag 3.8 — Thag 3:8 Yasoja

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Text

Thag 3:8 Yasoja

His limbs knotted

like a kālā plant,

his body lean

& lined with veins,

knowing moderation

in food & drink:

the man of undaunted heart.

Touched by gnats
& horseflies
in the wilds,
the great wood,
like an elephant
at the head of a battle:
He, mindful,
should stay there,
endure.

One alone is like Brahmā,
two, like devas,
three, like a village,
more than that:
a hullabaloo.

Publisher references (not part of the sutta)

See also: Ud 3:3; Sn 4:16