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Text

Verses of the Elder Bhikkhunīs

The Chapter of the Threes

Verses of the Elder Dantikā

“Having ventured out from my day’s abiding

at Vulture’s Peak Mountain,

I saw an elephant going in and out

the river by the shore.

A man took a pole with a hook,

and said to him: ‘Hand me your foot.’

The elephant held out his foot,

and the man mounted him.

Once I saw the untamed tamed,

brought under human control,

from there I sought one-pointedness of mind—

this is why I went to the forest.”

The Elder Dantikā