Thig 6.8 — Verses of the Elder Vijayā

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Text

Verses of the Elder Bhikkhunīs

Chapter of the Sixes

Verses of the Elder Vijayā

“Four times, five times,

I went outside,

I had not attained peace of mind,

and I had no power over the mind.

I approached a bhikkhunī,

and respectfully asked questions.

She taught me the Dhamma:

the elements, the sense domains,

the Four Noble Truths,

the faculties, the powers,

the enlightenment factors, and the Eightfold Path,

for the attainment of the highest aim.

I heard and

followed her instructions.

In the first watch of the night,

I remembered my previous lives.

In the second watch of the night,

I purified the divine eye.

In the third watch of the night,

I destroyed this mass of darkness.

Then I dwelled permeating the body

with bliss and happiness.

On the seventh day I stretched out my feet,

I destroyed this mass of darkness.”

… The Elder Vijayā

The Chapter of the Sixes is finished.