Thag 1.14 — The Novice Sivaka

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Verses of the Senior Monks 1.14

The Book of the Ones

Chapter Two

The Novice Sivaka

My mentor said to me:

“Let’s leave here, Sīvaka.”

My body lives in the village,

but my mind has gone to the wilderness.

I go there even when lying down—

you can’t chain those who know.