Thag 2.10 — Vasabha

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Verses of the Senior Monks 2.10

The Book of the Twos

Chapter One

Vasabha

First one kills oneself,

then one kills others.

One kills oneself, really dead,

like one who kills birds using a dead bird as a decoy.

A brahmin’s color is not on the outside;

a brahmin is colored on the inside.

Whoever harbors bad deeds

is truly a dark one, Sujampati.