Thag 3.8 — Vassika

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Verses of the Senior Monks 3.8

The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Vassika

I was the only one in my family

who had faith and wisdom.

It’s good for my relatives that I’m

firm in principle, and ethical.

I curbed my family out of sympathy,

telling them off out of love

for my family and relatives.

They performed a service for the monks

and then they passed away,

finding happiness in the Third Heaven.

There, my brothers and mother

enjoy all the pleasures they desire.